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DELEGATION CHAIR TO HOUSE LEADERSHIP:

'Hold off action on casino bill'

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

The chairman of the 21-member Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation asked members of the House leadership to hold off calling a session to act on a Saipan casino bill until after he returns from an official business on Aug. 30, but some members of the leadership are pushing for a session with or without Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan).

» **Some House leadership members want to proceed**

"I kindly asked them to hold off calling a session and to hold off acting on the casino bill," Tebuteb told *Saipan Tribune* on Saturday afternoon.

He said he would also like to hear from the other delegation committee that was tasked to review and make recommendations on Rep. Stanley Torres' (Ind-Saipan) House Local Bill 17-44.

"And I would like to give members ample time to review the committee reports," he added.

Some members of the leadership want to hold a delegation session either on Thursday or Friday, just a few days before Tebuteb's scheduled return on Tuesday morning.

Delegation vice chair Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan),

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World Tourism Day PHOTO CONTEST

In celebration of World Tourism Day 2011 on Sept. 27, the Marianas Visitors Authority and Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands are inviting CNMI residents to participate in the celebration by joining the World Tourism Day Photo Contest.

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Torres

This time, just 'medical marijuana' bill

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REPORTER

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) pre-filed late Friday afternoon a bill seeking to legalize marijuana only for medicinal purpose—nine

months after the Senate killed a bill legalizing marijuana for both recreational and medical uses.

In an interview, Torres said he hopes there will be stronger support this time around from House and Senate members, considering

that his bill focuses only on medicinal marijuana.

Most lawmakers asked yesterday, including Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) and Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian)

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FRESH PRODUCE

A vendor of fresh bananas and other fruits and vegetables takes a break at the Sabalu Market in Susupe Saturday morning. The Saipan Sabalu Farmers Market Inc. plans to also include as members of their group ranchers and cattle owners on the island, says its president Ramon B. Camacho, who also chairs the Saipan Municipal Council.

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Lawyer: Wholesale application of INA to NMI problematic

The federal court should recognize that there are problems with the wholesale application of the Immigration and Naturalization Act to the unique circumstances of the immigration situation in the CNMI, according to attorney Mark A. Scoggins.

"This is particularly true when it comes to potential criminal penalties that may be imposed," said Scoggins, counsel for Dongjun Li, a Chinese national arrested last month as he tried to check-in for an outbound flight to Los Angeles via Narita, Japan, using allegedly fake documents.

The 38-year-old Li has been

indicted for immigration fraud and false statement or entry.

According to the indictment, Li used a forged U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service Form I-512 on July 15, 2011, as evidence of authorized stay or employment in the U.S. The document was accompanied by an authorization for extension of parole of alien in the U.S. dated July 11, 2011.

In Li's motion to dismiss immigration fraud count, Scoggins asserted that because an I-512 Authorization for Parole Document is not among the types of documents speci-

fied in the statute, Li's alleged use of the alleged fraudulent I-512 cannot subject him to criminal penalty.

Scoggins said the statute bars the use of a fraudulent visa, permit, border crossing card, alien registration receipt card, or other document prescribed by statute or regulation for entry into or as evidence of authorized stay or employment.

"The question for the Court must therefore be, does the allegedly fraudulent I-512 fall within the kind of documents specified by the statutory language? The answer is that it does not," the lawyer said.

Scoggins said the document is neither a visa nor a border crossing card, and the U.S. government has not alleged otherwise.

The lawyer contended that the document is not a "permit and other document prescribed by statute or regulation for entry into or evidence of authorized stay or employment in the United States," and for that reason, count one of the indictment should be dismissed.

Scoggins said an I-512 "Advance Parole" document, even if valid and legitimate, is not a permit or other document for entry into or evidence of autho-

rized stay or employment in the U.S. as specified in the statute.

The use of a fraudulent I-512, Scoggins said, is not subject to criminal penalty.

"Parole," he said citing precedent, is an administrative practice whereby the government allows an arriving alien who has come to a port-of-entry without a valid entry document to be temporarily released from detention and to remain in the U.S. pending review of his immigra-

tion status.

Scoggins said Li's use of an I-512 document, whether legitimate or fraudulent, might have allowed him to "physically enter" Los Angeles while remaining in "constructive detention at the border."

The document is not, however, a permit and would not have allowed legal entry or any period of authorized stay in the U.S., Scoggins said. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

House JGO chair eyes higher penalties for misuse of funds

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REPORTER

Citing the increased need for accountability, the chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations wants to criminalize misuse of local funds, and require all recipients of funds through local appropriations to annually submit detailed financial reports to the Legislature and the Office of the Public Auditor.

Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), in his House Bill 17-211, said the government's revenue shortfalls make it more important to hold government agencies and personnel accountable for funds allotted to them.

Among other things, any person found guilty of improper ex-

penditure of funds derived from local appropriation will be fined up to \$10,000 or imprisoned for up to six months, or both.

Under the bill, the submission of detailed financial report should be no later than 60 days after the fiscal year in which the funds were expended.

The bill says the report shall include the purpose of the local appropriations received, the amount received, detailed list of expenditures, purpose of such expenditures, and the benefits derived from such appropriation.

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Lack of funds hampers efforts to rectify Tinian landfill deficiencies

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REPORTER

The Tinian landfill's noncompliance with standards and requirements of both federal and local environmental agencies is expected to continue until such

CPA revenue slightly improved last fiscal year

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority posted a slight increase in its revenue last fiscal year, based on the fiscal year 2010 financial audit report adopted Friday by its board of directors.

Combined operating revenues for the airport and seaport increased by \$77,521—or by 0.45 percent—from fiscal year 2009's \$17.391 million to fiscal year 2010's \$17.469 million.

The operating revenue for the airport division decreased by 1.9 percent from 2009's \$11.129 million to 2010's \$10.9 million. The decrease amounts to \$209,314.

The seaport division, meanwhile, noted a 4.6 percent increase in revenue, equivalent to \$286,835, from \$6.2 million in 2009 to \$6.5 million in 2010.

The audit report indicated that the airport division's aviation revenue declined by \$321,518 due to declining airport traffic. In order to ensure and maintain compliance with the bond indenture agreement from 2009 onwards, CPA hired a consultant to assist with monitoring CPA's position in terms of compliance with the agreement.

The increase in seaport revenue was due to the rate adjustment implemented in 2008. It was through this effort that seaport revenues increased by 9.6 percent—from \$4.420 million in 2009 to \$4.844 million in 2010. The report said that the seaport division was in compliance with its bond indenture agreements for 2010.

Meantime, the ports authority's total assets—airport and seaport combined—increased by 2.7 percent or by \$6 million, from \$223.4 million in 2009 to \$229.5 million in 2010.

Last fiscal year, airport enplanement (departures) increased by 3.9 percent while deplanement (arrival) declined by 1.2 percent due to the declining trend of passenger arrivals in the Commonwealth.

The seaport inbound cargo, meantime, increased by 6.8 percent while the outbound cargo decreased by 20.7 percent because of the demise of the garment industry and the general recession of economic activity.

CPA's operating expenses also increased by 4.4 percent or \$545,800 from 2009's \$12.3 million to 2010's \$12.9 million due to unexpected airport maintenance.

time that enough funding is found to address all problems, according to Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz.

Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune* that due to funding issues, the municipality has failed anew to resolve the several deficiencies noted by the Division of Environmental Quality last year and has appealed to DEQ to consider its fiscal position.

"Funding is the major reason of our noncompliance with the standards. I know that these problems have been going around for many years, but we have to explain that without the

needed money we really can't do much," said Dela Cruz.

He said the municipality will need millions of dollars to remedy all the deficiencies. For the procurement of heavy equipment alone, the municipality needs over \$2 million, he added.

The municipality's previous administration declared a state of disaster emergency on Tinian in November 2006, citing its failure to close the island's unsafe dumpsite in over eight years. In 2010, DEQ issued the municipality an administrative order, saying that violations need to be rectified within 30 days.

According to DEQ executive director Frank Rabauliman, the Tinian landfill was cited for numerous deficiencies including open dumping, non-segregation of garbage, lack of adequate

place for a proper dumping site, untrained personnel, and many more.

However, due to the financial condition of the municipality, Rabauliman said that DEQ has

been providing assistance and consideration, including extensions of deadlines.

"DEQ issued a timeline outlining what they must do. How-

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Please take a moment to take this simple quiz:

Question #1:

True or False

1. Having diabetes isn't really a serious problem.

***False: "Diabetes causes more deaths every year than breast cancer and AIDS combined. Two out of three people with diabetes die from heart disease or stroke."**

*Source: American Diabetes Association

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More and more kids take up library's reading challenge

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REPORTER

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Summer Reading Program Challenge this year saw more participation from siblings, indicating the importance of family involvement in encouraging young students to read more.

"This is the third summer that we participated in this program," said Tanapag resident Katrina Cabrera, whose two children, 8-year-old Froilan and 6-year-old Kiana, are the top two and three participants respectively that have read the most number of books during the challenge.

Cabrera said her children have always loved to read. "That's why I brought them to the library so that they will continue to read even during summer break and not take their mind off of learning," she said.

With the library offering not just books but also activities such as arts and crafts, Cabrera said it encourages more youngsters to visit the library during their school vacation. "Kids enjoy coming to the library now because it has lots of activities that they like."

Maryann Manglona of Koblerville would bring her two children, 11-year-old Manuel Celis Jr. and 10-year-old Maylyn Celis to the library as early as

8:30am and wait outside until it opens at 9am.

Manglona's dedication and commitment to her children's learning has earned the admiration of the JKPL staff, who recognized her efforts by presenting her family with certificate of recognition and water park passes to Pacific Islands Club.

"I'm so surprised," said Manglona, who recounted that it was her sister-in-law who encouraged her to bring her children to the library for the summer.

According to Manglona, the reading program was a great opportunity for her children to spend their summer learning while they bonded as a family.

"I'm glad I was able to spend time with my kids. I'm proud of them."

Library assistant Celina Foreman, who was in charge of the reading challenge, said they have parents and guardians to thank for. "Even if they live far, they still bring their kids to the library. They love the library."

Foreman said more and more students consider the library important. "Library is important to them because it's like a home to them. It's where they get to read and relax," she explained.

Froilan, Kiana, Manuel Jr., and Maylyn were among the almost 100 participants of the 2011 Summer Reading Program Challenge who were recognized in a ceremony Friday morning at the Children of Our Homeland room.

Participants each received a certificate and got a chance to spin the wheel for exciting prizes.

This year's winner of the most number of books read was Esther Huh of Kagman Elementary School who read a total of 200 books. She read 120 books in 2010.

An incoming fifth grader, 10-year-old Huh digs fantasy books and says her favorite book this summer was *A Magical World*.

"It's about a mouse that went to a magical world called the World of Fantasy where he helped a fairy queen blossom. He also learned from animals there that he's not brave so he became brave later on when he got home," she said.

Huh was accompanied by mother Jenny Baek Huh and father Daniel Huh. "She has the talent and the qualities of a leader and we support her by bringing her to the library even though we live in Kagman," said Daniel Huh.

Reading, Daniel Huh said, is very important in the development of a child's intelligence. "A kid can explore the world through a book."

John Oliver Gonzales, JKPL executive director, commended all parents and guardians who brought their children to the library to nurture their education despite the high cost of fuel and the island's continued economic decline.

"What's the cost of gas versus the cost of opening the imaginations of our children? Here at your public library, that's our daily habit, to welcome you and we open our doors. All we need is your initiative. All we need is your interest. All of our services here at your public library, they're all for free," he said.



Participants of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's Summer Reading Program Challenge, as well as parents and library staff, pose for a souvenir photo at the conclusion of the challenge.

CASINO

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Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), Torres (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Ray Palacios (Cov-Saipan) and other members of the House majority separately confirmed Tebuteb's request.

Demapan asked his colleagues to respect the delegation chairman's request, considering that it will only be a matter of days until the chairman returns.

But Demapan, Joe Palacios, Ray Palacios, and Tenorio said at least three other members of the leadership—Vice

Speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) and Tenorio—want to move ahead with a session despite Tebuteb's request.

"I would feel disrespected if they still go ahead with the session, despite my kind request," said Tebuteb.

He's set to leave early this morning for Korea for the International Association of Athletic Federation's general assembly and election of officers. Tebuteb is the president of the Northern Marianas Athletics.

Joe Palacios, vice chairman of the delegation, said the final decision will be known today—whether or not the leadership will call for a session while

Tebuteb is off island.

He said some leadership members wanted to make a deal—that if they hold off holding a session while Tebuteb is off island, Tebuteb should vote "yes" on the bill.

Tebuteb, when asked for comment about this, said each member's vote should be respected.

The chairman was earlier leaning toward voting "no" on the casino bill.

Tenorio, for his part, said the reason why there's always a vice chairman is to be able to call for sessions or address important matters when the chairman is not present. He said the same goes to having a vice speaker, when the speak-

er is not around.

"We have the votes, whether the chairman is here or not. We won't be pushing for this if we know we don't have the votes," said Tenorio.

It only requires a simple majority of 21 members to pass Torres' casino bill. Tenorio said they automatically have 12 votes, enough to pass the bill.

The Senate has warned that it will take the matter to court if and when the Saipan delegation passes the Saipan casino bill.

Tebuteb personally made the request not to hold a delegation session while he's away to House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and other members of the leadership when the majority called him on during a closed-door meeting on Friday.

Prior to that, Tebuteb had already spoken to some leadership members about his request.

Tebuteb also has two memos—one addressed to the speaker and another to the vice chair. Other members were also given copies of the memos to inform them that Tebuteb will be off-island until the morning of Aug. 30.

The delegation chairman also said

he tasked two committees to review and make recommendations on the casino bill but only Joe Palacios's Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations has so far pre-filed a report concluding that the bill is constitutional and has the support of the public. It recommends passage of a committee version of the bill.

The other delegation panel, Rep. Ray Yumul's (R-Saipan) Committee on Ways and Means, said his panel will not be submitting a separate report.

"I've reached the end in asking for information from the [Tinian] gaming commission and other pertinent offices," he said.

Yumul also said Joe Palacios as delegation vice chair has full authority to call a delegation session.

"I don't have a problem if he calls a session. It's a continuity of the legislative process," he added.

House leadership members are also battling over the issue of whether or not casino investors should be required to pay at least \$10 million in "upfront money."

Torres said if Tenorio wants to push this, the latter could always offer a floor amendment.

LACK

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ever, because of the funding issue, it's been very challenging for the municipality to address all the deficiencies. But slowly, they're moving forward," Rabauliman told *Saipan Tribune*.

From the original 30-day deadline to resolve all deficiencies, Dela Cruz said that DEQ has provided "no new timeframe" for the municipality to build a

new landfill.

For Rabauliman, the administrative order has in a way armed the municipality so it could secure immediate funding for the project.

Rabauliman said that as soon as the administrative order was issued last year, Tinian made an effort to have their landfill operator fully trained with the assistance of the Department of Public Works and DEQ.

Dela Cruz said they're also working to address environmental concerns be-

cause these also pose major health hazards to people.

"We're not also permitting any open burning on the dumpsite and we have trained our workers," he said.

The mayor disclosed that some CIP monies will help them buy the needed equipment and an RFP is now being prepared. He is also eyeing a portion of the \$3.5 million that was reprogrammed by the local delegation from the instrument landing system, after the project was cancelled.

MARIJUANA

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said they would want to see a copy of Torres' bill first before making a statement whether or not they will support the new bill.

Manglona said once the bill passes the House, the Senate leadership will refer the measure to the Senate Committee on Health for review and recommendation.

Only House floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan) made known his position, saying his vote will remain

"no" on marijuana, whether for medicinal or for any other purpose.

House Bill 17-213 claims that marijuana is a safe and effective treatment for dozens of conditions, including cancer, AIDS, multiple sclerosis, pain, migraines, glaucoma and epilepsy.

"This Act should not serve as a message to our youth that the Legislature condones drug abuse. We do not. We simply seek to allow physicians to prescribe it if needed, and to allow patients to use marijuana without societal stigma," it says.

Torres' bill says recent trends in legislation indicate that the medicinal use

of marijuana is becoming an acceptable practice subject to legal restrictions.

It says the economic impact of this legalization include the non-incarceration of terminally ill patients and revenue generated from the taxes imposed on the legal sale of medicinal marijuana from licensed, law-abiding suppliers.

HB 17-213 says the use of marijuana for medicinal purpose is now legal in 15 states in the U.S., including Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Wishing my dad, Scott Jay Russell, a happy 60th birthday and wishing you many more fishing adventures, historical discoveries, and the best in health, wealth, and life! I love you always, from your daughter, Lani-Nicole and the Quitugua-Lizama family.

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Fund's crisis management plan underway

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REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund board of trustees urged administrator Richard Villagomez on Thursday to expedite the completion of a crisis management plan that will provide a detailed preparation on how the agency can survive during the expected worst state of the pension program.

The board also deferred action on the proposed closure of its Tinian and Rota offices pending the completion of the crisis management plan, which is being planned for enforcement by the next fiscal year.

In view of a new court order that mandates the Fund to reserve \$100 million for its pensioners, board vice chair Jerry Crisostomo said it is imperative to come up with a plan that will guide the agency in its operation next fiscal year.

Crisostomo recommended

that the board revisit the agency's budget for 2012, and evaluate the areas and programs that need to be cut, reduced, or streamlined.

"We are in a very serious fiscal situation and we need to come up with a plan for fiscal year 2012," he told the board, urging the completion of either a 90-day or 180-day contingency plan for the Fund.

The new fiscal year starts on Oct. 1, 2011.

Crisostomo said the overall picture shows a bleak future for the pension program due to its declining investment portfolio.

The Fund has been drawing on its investments to cover the shortfall of the central government, which has failed to remit employer contributions to the Fund for several years. The Fund withdraws approximately \$50 to \$75 million from its investment every year. As of June 30, 2011, the Fund reportedly had only \$311

million in its portfolio.

Crisostomo also instructed Villagomez to study the possibility of privatizing some of the Fund's services and programs. Personnel restructuring, hiring, and replacement of positions must also be seriously assessed to come up with a contingency plan for the Fund, he added.

The board disclosed that it was during a meeting on Rota when they discussed the closure of the Rota and Tinian offices as a way to reduce the agency's operating expenditure.

Trustee Bernadita Palacios recommended suspending action on the shutdown plan until next fiscal year. The board agreed but approved the temporary relocation of its Rota office to save money for the meantime.

Villagomez said the relocation is only for a short period, until the board makes a permanent decision on the matter.

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Trial of man in fraudulent driver's license case starts

The jury trial of a man accused of fraudulently obtaining a CNMI driver's license will start today, Monday, in federal court.

The jury selection is expected to begin at 9am in the case against Wei Lin, a Chinese national being charged with two counts of document fraud and a count of false statements to a federal agent.

Visiting judge Mark W. Bennett will be presiding over the jury trial. Assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler is prosecuting the case. Attorneys Michael Evangelista and Joseph Camacho are representing Lin.

The case involves Lin who was stopped by a traffic officer

and the case was later forwarded to Department of Homeland Security.

Evangelista told *Saipan Tribune* that every person who is arrested is entitled to his day in court and that it is the jury that decides the case.

According to the indictment, Li allegedly paid a third-party to obtain the driver's license without meeting the requirements.

Lin also allegedly presented the Bureau of Motor Vehicles with an affidavit falsely stating that he had lost his previous driver's license, when he knew that it had been seized by a police officer. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, The Open Government Act of 1992, the Marianas Public Land Trust has scheduled a MPLT Trustees Regular Meeting to be held on **Thursday, August 25, 2011** beginning at 1:00pm at MPLT Conference Room, 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capital Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

The following agenda is hereby established:

- I PRELIMINARIES**
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Adoption of Agenda
 - 4. Adoption of Minutes
July 22, 2011
- II ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**
- III CONSULTANT'S REPORTS**
 - 1. Investment Consultant Report
 - 2. Legal Counsel Report
 - 3. Board Consultant Report
- IV OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. Investment Policy Statement – for review
 - 2. CNMI Scholarship
 - 3. MPLT Resolution 11-3
 - 4. Air Cargo Services – (Arctic Circle Air Co.)
 - 5. Appraisal for real property
- V COMMUNICATIONS**
 - Senate Resolution 17-57
- VI NEW BUSINESS**
 - RFP 11-03 – FY 2011 & 2012 Independent Audit Services – submission(s)
- VII MISCELLANEOUS**
 - APAFS – Oct 2011
 - IFEBP – Oct 2011
- VIII ADJOURNMENT**

At anytime during this scheduled meeting, the Board of Trustees may be required to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters deemed privileged and confidential.

In accordance with Public Law 8-41, additional agenda items may be added to the above listing only by the recorded vote of the majority of the trustee governing body. All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written and oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ Alvaro A. Santos
Chairman, MPLT Trustees

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Saturday, September 3rd, 2011



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Saturday, September 3rd, 2011

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廣東酒樓 Canton Restaurant 27th Anniversary Special Promotion

AUGUST 22, 2011

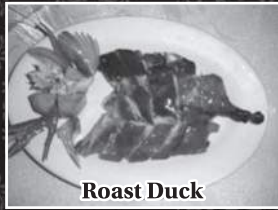
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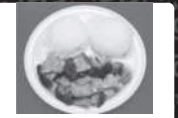
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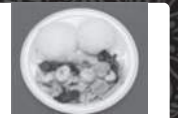
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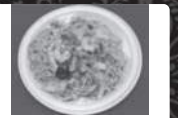
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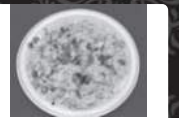
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Kilili pushes for separate CNMI, Guam US Attorney's Office and US Marshals

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan has introduced a bill that would establish separate U.S. Attorney's Offices in the CNMI and Guam, as well as separate U.S. Marshals Offices for the two territories.

H.R. 2822, introduced on Aug. 16, requires that the U.S. Attorney and the U.S. Marshal appointed for the CNMI reside in the CNMI.

"With a few exceptions in and around urban areas of the country, U.S. Attorneys and U.S. Marshals are required to live in the jurisdictions they are appointed to. The only non-urban exception is that the U.S. Attorney and Marshal for the Northern Marianas do not have to reside here," Sablan said.

The delegate said this effectively allows for the attorney general to appoint a single U.S. Attorney and U.S. Marshal to be assigned to Guam and the CNMI.

"And this is the situation we have now, in which the U.S. Attorney resides in Guam and there is a satellite U.S. Attorney's office in the Northern Marianas. I think that as part of our continuing political maturity—exemplified by our new seat in Congress and the recent confirmation of one of our own to the federal court here—it is time that we had our own U.S. Attorney and U.S.

Marshal," he added.

H.R. 2822 will also help ensure that cases involving federal law are brought to trial and that no one need feel that the enforcement of federal law is something decided and done from afar.

Sablan's bill currently has two co-sponsors—Rep. Mau-

rice Hinchey (D-New York), and Rep. Eleanor H. Norton (D-Washington, D.C.).

At present, the U.S. Attorney for Guam and the CNMI is Alicia Limtiaco of Guam, while the U.S. Marshal for Guam and the CNMI is Frank Leon Guerrero, also from Guam.

Disposal of electronic waste at transfer station, Marpi dump on hold until Oct. 1

Effective immediately, the Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station and the Marpi Landfill will not accept the disposal of electronic wastes or e-wastes until the Department of Public Works' Solid Waste Management Division established the disposal rates by Oct. 1, 2011.

Electronic wastes or e-wastes are items such as TVs (flat screen LED, LCD, plasma, and cathode-ray tubes), CPUs, peripherals (e.g., monitor, keyboard, mouse, printer, hard disk, graphics tablet, scanner, webcams, joystick or paddle), CD players, mobile or cell phones, microwave ovens, radios, VCRS and DVD players, laptops, copiers, fax machines, battery backups, surge protec-

tors, electronic typewriters, digital cameras, chargers, corded and cordless phones, electronic toys, video games, adding machines, and boom boxes.

E-wastes contain common elements such as copper, cobalt, gold, iron, and other toxic ones such as lead, beryllium, arsenic, mercury, antimony, and cadmium.

As more and more electronic products are being retired and disposed off and new ones are purchased, the SWMD bears another challenge to accept and collect e-wastes for shipment to off-island certified end-processors. This keeps them out of the landfill and the ground water, and recovers components for reuse and recycling. (DPW)

WASTE DISPOSAL SCHEDULES:

Lower Base Transfer Station: Government Payday Week

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Open: 8:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm

Wednesday – Close: All Day

Marpi Landfill: Government Payday Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Open: 8:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm

Lower Base Transfer Station: Non-Government Payday Week

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Open: 8:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm

Wednesday – Close: All Day

Saturday – Open: 7:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm

Marpi Landfill: Non-Government Payday Week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Open: 8:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm

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CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Canton Restaurant celebrates 27th anniversary with special promos

By **CLARISSA V. DAVID**
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REPORTER

Arguably the oldest Chinese restaurant on Saipan, Canton Restaurant has witnessed—and survived—the island's previous economic prosperity, challenges from rival restaurants, and a prolonged recession.

The family-owned restaurant business in Garapan is celebrating today its longevity in the food industry as it rings in 27 years of serving authentic Chinese cuisine.

"Through the years, Canton Restaurant has strived and will continue to strive to uphold its 'Three G' principle: good food, good service, and good atmosphere," said Carol Wong Chan, who oversees the restaurant operations.

She also gives credit to the help of her husband and Canton Restaurant's chef Tony Yuk Wong as well as her sisters Rose and Anna Chan for the restaurant's success.

Chan said that Canton Restaurant makes an effort to treat all its patrons like they're family.

"We make our customers feel comfortable and treat them as family," she told *Saipan Tribune*. "So we whenever they go to Canton Restaurant, we make sure they feel at home, like it's their family kitchen."

Chan said it is this familiarity among customers that continues to make them return again and again to Canton Restaurant for almost three decades now.

"Most of our customers now actually belong to the third generation of their families. They would tell us that their grandparents and parents have always

liked it here at Canton Restaurant and now it's their turn to be here," said Chan.

Canton Restaurant, which primarily offered Cantonese fare, also offers other Chinese dishes like Sichuan, Hong Kong, and Fujian cuisines. "We prepare our customers' food orders to their liking," said Chan.

What's more, Chan said that most of their employees have already been with Canton Restaurant since they opened, which is why they are already acquainted with their diners' distinctive palates.

Special anniversary promotions

While the CNMI's economic situation continues to decline, Chan said that Canton Restaurant has maintained its affordability by not changing their menu prices for the last 10 years.

"We understand how hard life is for everyone, that is why we want our customers to know that Canton Restaurant is still within their means even through tough times," she said.

Canton Restaurant has come up with exciting anniversary promotions as a way of thanking their loyal clientele.

Canton Restaurant offers a delectable special lunch buffet from Monday to Saturday, from 11am to 2pm, for only \$8 per person. This includes soup, fresh salad, different entrees, unlimited ice cream, and refillable soft drinks. Children 3 to 7 yrs old have 50 percent discount and those below 3 years old can eat for free.

Starting this month, Canton Restaurant also offers take out lunch menu straight from the buffet. Customers can avail of



one choice for only \$3.50, two choices for \$4.50, and three choices for \$5.50.

If you missed the lunch menu, try any of their special dinner

sets for just \$6 per order. Choose among Canton Restaurant's Sweet and Sour Pork, Shrimp & Pork Chop, Beef Broccoli, Pancit Canton, and Canton Fried

Rice. Every set comes with rice, soup, and soda.

For the month of August, Chan said dine-in and to-go customers will receive a VIP

card that will entitle them to a 10-percent discount on food orders for one year. Those who present their VIP card can avail of the daily lunch buffet for only \$7.50.

Canton Restaurant, Chan said, is also the perfect place for all kinds of special events as the restaurant can hold up to 200 persons.

Try your favorite Chinese cuisine at Canton Restaurant located along Beach Road across from Mobil in Garapan. They're open 11am to 2pm and 5:30pm to 10pm. Cash and all major credit cards accepted. For reservations, order or more information, call 234-7236.

"We thank you for your continued patronage and we hope that you can join us in celebrating our 27th anniversary," Chan said.

CONTACT INFO

■ Tel: 234-7236



to Carol Wong Chan, Ana Chan and Rose Chan, and the Canton Restaurant. For 27 years you have provided us all with your outstanding dishes, service and friendship. On behalf of the management and employees of all our TanHoldings companies in the region, congratulations and best wishes to you all on this memorable occasion!

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP 11-GOV-121



Legal Services For Water Task Force (Funded by the Dept. of Interior)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified individuals or firms for Legal Services for the Water Task Force on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). This contract for professional services will be funded by grant funds from the Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior.

The proposal package will be available on or after **August 15, 2011** at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan or by request faxed to (670) 664-1515.

All questions concerning this proposal shall be submitted in writing no later than **4:30 PM, August 24, 2011** to Pedro Sasamoto, WTF Program Manager (facsimile) number: (670) 664-2279.

The proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations. Preference is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"Legal Services", RFP 11-GOV-121** One (1) original and four (4) copies must be submitted. Proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply, at Lower Base, Saipan, no later than **3:00 pm, September 14, 2011 (CNMI local time)**.

The CNMI reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if to do so will be in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the exclusive property of the CNMI government.

/s/ Benigno R. Fitial
Governor

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

Cop in alleged domestic spat had two prior criminal cases

Jerome Agulto Reyes, a police officer who was arrested on Tuesday for alleged domestic violence, also faced two criminal cases in 2000 and 2004, including alleged assault of a former live-in partner, but both cases were subsequently dismissed, according to court records.

On June 7, 2000, then assistant attorney general Kevin Lynch filed an information charging Reyes with two counts of assault and battery. Lynch said the assault happened on Dec. 4 to 5, 1999, on Saipan. He named Gilbert A. Reyes and Teresita Reyes as the alleged victims.

On Nov. 8, 2000, then Superior Court associate judge Virginia Sablan-Onerhheim dismissed the case with prejudice (finality) after then assistant attorney general Keith D. Cable moved to dismiss the matter. At the time, then defense counsel and now a judge Perry B. Inos served as counsel for the defendant.

On April 5, 2004, then assistant attorney general Karen Severy filed an information charging Reyes with assault and battery and disturbing the peace. Severy alleged that the incident happened on Dec. 27, 2003. Reyes' previous live-in partner was the alleged victim in the case.

Then defense counsel Inos also served as counsel for Reyes in that case. On Nov. 24, 2004, Inos and then assistant attorney general Jeffery L. Warfield signed a stipulation to dismiss the charges.

The parties signed the stipulation based on the government's inability to produce a necessary witness and evidence by the scheduled trial date.

Associate Judge David A. Wiseman dismissed the case without prejudice. Dismissal without prejudice means that the prosecution can re-file a new case in the future.

Court records show that the same ex-girlfriend sought the Superior Court's protection on Feb. 4, 2007, against Reyes pursuant to the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Act of 2000.

In February 2007, the Department of Public Safety's Traffic Section found Reyes at fault in a collision between a police car and a four-door sedan being driven by James S. Diaz along Middle Road in Gualo Rai on Feb. 9, 2007, at 2pm.

In the latest domestic violence case that allegedly happened on Aug. 13, 2011, Detective A. Aldan said the live-in partner reportedly sustained bruises on the right arm, left wrist, neck, rear right ear, and right side of the back. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 22, 2000

AGO cautions House against land study

The Office of the Attorney General has cautioned the House Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations against the passage of a proposed measure, which seeks to establish the Landlocked Property Commission Act of 2000 without clarifying certain provisions of the bill. Under HB 12-221, the Commission shall study landlocked properties throughout the Commonwealth and report its findings and recommendations to both the Legislature and the governor. While there is no constitutional prohibition on the proposed measure, assistant attorney general Elliott A. Sattler said the bill should set the number of individuals that will serve in the commission and appropriate compensation to members who are not government employees.

CIP projects fuel economic recovery

Recent developments involving key CNMI capital improvement projects bode well for a recovering economy, according to a news release from the Governor's Office. With the deadline for proposals passed last week, selection of a contractor for the design and construction of the new Juvenile Detention Facility has begun. According to Prison Task Force Chair Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider, a contract award is expected within the next two weeks and construction is slated to begin 90 to 100 days after the award. The facility is slated to take a year and three months to complete. Meanwhile, the first design development documents, or working drawings for the new Adult Prison will be presented to the Prison Task Force this week and are targeted for bid in mid-December.

Aug. 22, 2001

Adriano supports drug tests for elected officials

Sen. Joaquin G. Adriano threw his support behind the plan of Rep. Egreddino M. Jones to file a measure that will require CNMI legislators and candidates for public posts to undergo mandatory drug and alcohol testing. "I totally agree that the candidates, including the incumbent ones who are seeking reelection, must be made to undergo such a drug test and the results be submitted to the Board of Elections to be used as a basis for qualifying these persons as candidates," Adriano said. "Once the test shows that you are positive of drug use, then you should be disqualified."

Hyatt reaches out to local clientele

The Hyatt Regency Saipan will gather hotel managers and employees to present banquet packages through an in-house demonstration that will be made open to the public on Saturday at the Gilligan's Entertainment Center. Billed as the first Hyatt Fair and slated on August 25 from 11am to 4pm, the event will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more of the hotel's expertise in banquet preparations. The show will feature banquet packages made available to the community by Hyatt, which caters to celebrations like christening, birthdays, dinner parties, Christmas parties and weddings.

Aug. 22, 2002

Beautification tax peeves Chamber

Passage of the Environmental Beautification Tax of 2002, or House Bill 13-171, peeved the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, which has consistently expressed objection to the measure. The Chamber opposes the additional tax burden on CNMI businesses and consumers on principle, past assurances, a matter of priority and that no public hearing has been conducted to entertain comments on this new tax, it said in a media statement. The Chamber Board of Directors and the Chamber general membership, as well as the Strategic Economic Development Council, the Saipan Garment Manufacturers Association and the Saipan Contractors Association, in separate meetings, listened to a presentation by the CNMI Public Works Department and the Solid Waste task Force on the Environmental Beautification Tax proposition in mid-2001.

Sign language review course at the College

The Northern Marianas College's Workforce and Community Development Programs is offering a review course in American Sign Language. The review course will help prepare and expose students to the proper execution of signs (handshape, movement, location, and palm orientation). Correct use of facial grammar, classifiers and spatialization will also be stressed throughout the course. This refresher course will help students regain their skill and confidence in signing, as well as prepare them to meet the entrance requirements for the intermediate level class. The course is open to any student having completed SL 101 or its equivalent.



INVITATION FOR BIDS WATER TASK FORCE IFB11-GOV-004



Governor Benigno R. Fitial, through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting sealed bids for the **PAPAGO WATERLINE IMPROVEMENT** in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A bid guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of the Treasury (T-Listed).

The Contractor will be required to submit payment and performance bonds from a US Treasury listed company. The Contractor will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws including the Davis Bacon Act.

This project is funded by a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), Department of the Interior. The award for this project is contingent upon receipt of the project approval from OIA.

The project consists, in general, but is not limited to:

- Install approximately 6,900 linear feet of 8 inch underground PVC waterlines and 500 linear feet of 6 inch underground PVC waterline with appurtenant valves, fittings, air relief valves and blow-off valves.
- Install service laterals and water meters.
- Connect to existing waterlines.
- Restore disturbed asphalt paving.
- Pressure testing and chlorination of new waterlines.
- Conduct the area topographic and easement surveys.
- Construction activity to not interrupt existing water service to the area.

A non-refundable payment of \$500 to CNMI Treasury is required for each set of Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms, available on or after **August 8, 2011** at the Water Task Force Office, 1316 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan. A mandatory pre-bid conference for this project is scheduled at 10:00 a.m., on **August 19, 2011**, at the WTF Conference Room, Saipan. A project site visit will be made as a part of the pre-bid meeting.

All inquiries shall be in writing and addressed to Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950 or faxed to (670) 664-2279. Inquiries must be received no later than 4:30 PM on **August 18, 2011**.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, contained in the CNMI Administrative Code, Title 70 Subchapter 70-30.3. Preference is not available to local bidders in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funds for this project.

Sealed bids must be marked **"IFB-GOV-004"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 pm local time **September 6, 2011**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 3:00 pm local time **September 6, 2011**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 6, 2011**, and must be received no later than **September 15, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at 3:00 pm local time, **September 16, 2011**. However, if no Notices of intent to bid were received from the bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 3:00 pm local time on **September 7, 2011**.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/S/ Benigno R. Fitial
Governor and Contracting Officer

/S/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement and Supply



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director
INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-11-046



INSTALLATION OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced engineering firms for preparation of a new foundation, fabrication, assembly, installation and commissioning a new Above Ground Oil Storage Tank (AST), as per the specifications contained in the bid document and monitored through a construction management firm and/or a third party quality control firm, contracted by CUC.

The new foundation, tank and accessories have been designed by a U S based company and will be supplied to Saipan port. CUC will pay for the customs clearance and delivery, freight costs to a designated location at the power plant site, which will be agreed between CUC and the winning contractor. The current schedule for delivery for the new tank to Saipan is 10th September, 2011. CUC will ensure that such schedules are promptly communicated to the contractor as soon as soon as they are aware of any change in the schedule so that sufficient and reasonable notice is available to the contractor for their actions. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit (non-refundable) from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the **amount of \$ 250.00 for one set**; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, until August 22, 2011.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **August 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan. Attendance is not mandatory.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC IFB 11-046 -INSTALLATION OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 31, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms, without alteration. Bidders may supplement this form with additional explanation, as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, PG, via email - venu@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director
INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-11-047



QA / QC OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified and experienced third party inspection firms to provide CUC or the Construction Manager (CM), "Quality Control (QC) and Quality Assurance (QA) Services" during the preparation of a new foundation, fabrication, assembly, installation and commissioning the tank and connected pipeline, if any, as per the specifications contained in the bid document.

The new foundation, tank and accessories have been designed by a U S based company and will be supplied to Saipan port. CUC will pay for the customs clearance and delivery, freight costs to a designated location at the power plant site, which will be agreed between CUC and the winning contractor. The current schedule for delivery for the new tank to Saipan is 10th September, 2011. CUC will ensure that such schedules are promptly communicated to the contractor as soon as soon as they are aware of any change in the schedule so that sufficient and reasonable notice is available to the contractor for their actions. CUC requires the Construction Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit (non-refundable) from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the **amount of \$ 100.00 for one set**; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, until August 22, 2011.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **August 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Power Plant Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan. Attendance is not mandatory.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB 11 - 047 - QA / QC OF A NEW 500,000 GAL. DIESEL FUEL TANK AT PP 1, SAIPAN" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 30, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms, without alteration. Bidders may supplement this form with additional explanation, as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission. All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Venugopal Prabhakara, Managing Engineer, PG, via email - venu@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-048

GEO THERMAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT ON SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced firms to explore for and develop geothermal energy on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, for the purpose of generating electricity. Proximity to the active Mariana volcanic arc, extensional faulting, and the occurrence of shallow water wells with anomalous temperatures suggest that sufficient geothermal resources may exist beneath Saipan to support generation of electricity using binary plant technology.

Proposer must submit a development plan including: (1) a timeline and milestones for resource assessment, exploration drilling, resource development and plant construction, and delivery of electricity to the grid; and (2) a pricing schedule for electricity delivered to the grid. The successful Proposer must have demonstrated capability and provide equipment and materials necessary to (1) assess geothermal potential and identify targets for exploratory drilling, (2) perform exploration- and production-hole drilling, and (3) construct and operate geothermal power plants.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Work will be e-mailed to all interested Offerors, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of \$ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **August 17, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048, Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **September 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **August 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications of prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-11-049

INSTALLATION OF SEWER SERVICE LINES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the installation of Sewer Service Lines in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists in general of the installation of sewer service lines to existing CUC sewer mains. When CUC customers are approved for sewer service, the contractor will obtain the required permits and connect them to the existing sewer mains. The work will include the sewer service line, sewer saddles, asphalt repairs, septic tank abandonment. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract or when the funds are exhausted.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 (nonrefundable) for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **August 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-049, Installation of Sewer Service Lines" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 1, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 19, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net, Commander, Kenneth Esplin-Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth_esplin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

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Taxing Warren Buffett

Investors might hang on Warren Buffett's every word when it comes to financial advice, but Republicans are less than enthusiastic about the Oracle of Omaha's opinions on taxation.

After the billionaire chairman of investment firm Berkshire Hathaway wrote an op-ed in the New York Times complaining that the mega-rich are undertaxed in comparison to the middle class, conservatives urged him to voluntarily send more of his own money to the Internal Revenue Service and leave others alone. Not only are they willfully missing Buffett's point, they're seemingly oblivious to the fact that in many ways his tax ideas mirror those of Ronald Reagan.

Hard to believe as it may seem, it has been a quarter of a century since the last comprehensive overhaul of the U.S. tax code. Under the Tax Reform Act of 1986, which was signed by President Reagan, the number of tax brackets was reduced, loopholes were closed, the top tax rate was lowered and capital gains were taxed at the same rate as ordinary income. Yet in the years since, Congress has steadily drilled loopholes back into the code while lowering the tax burden for wealthy people who make money through investments rather than labor. That was the source of Buffett's complaint.

"The mega-rich pay income taxes at a rate of 15 percent on most of their earnings but pay practically nothing in payroll taxes," Buffett wrote. "It's a different story for the middle class; typically, they fall into the 15 percent and 25 percent income tax brackets, and then are hit with heavy payroll taxes to boot."

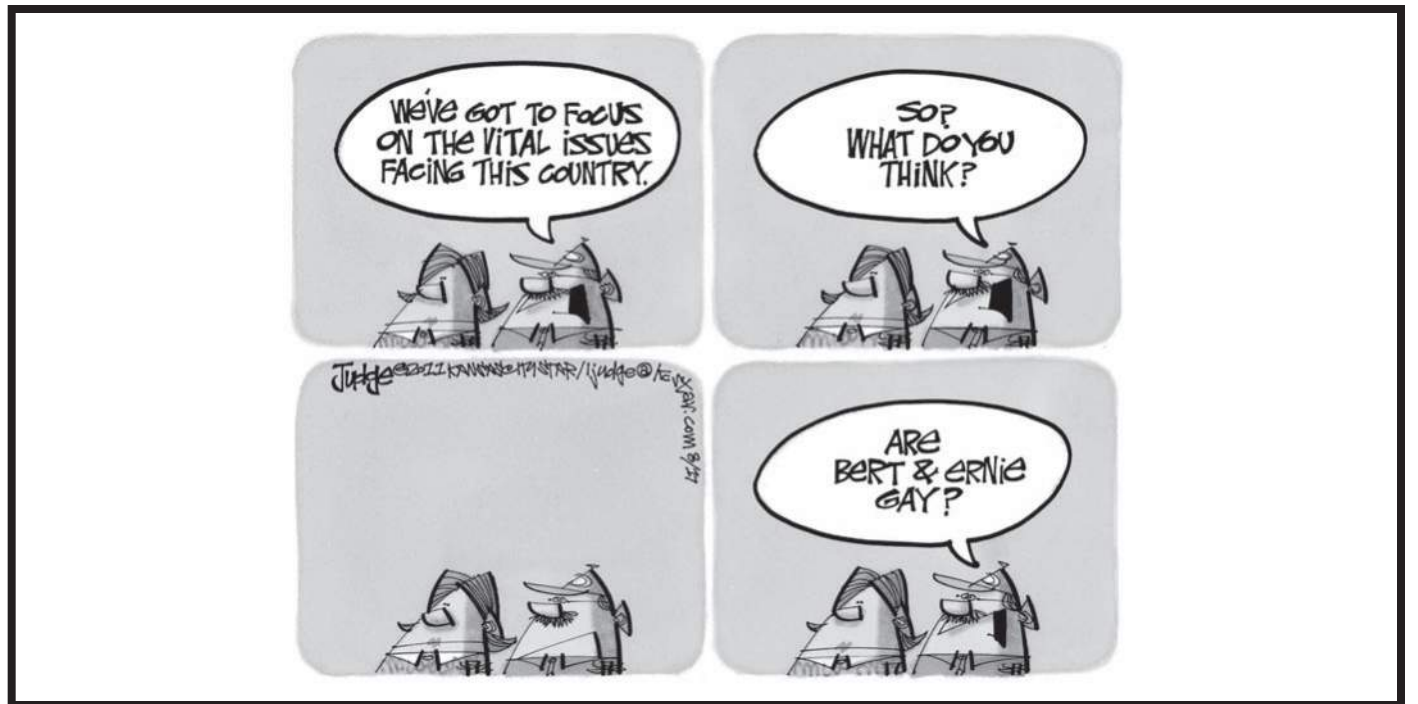
The response from Republicans, who are working tirelessly to block all attempts to level the playing field by raising taxes on the wealthy? Playground jeers. "For tax-raising advocates like Warren Buffett, I am sure Treasury would take a voluntary payment for deficit reduction," Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, said in a tweet.

In California, where the powerless (except at budget time) Republican minority in the legislature appears to have too much time on its hands, a GOP lawmaker is teasing liberals by introducing a bill to add a line item on state tax forms allowing people to voluntarily pay extra taxes.

"Under my legislation, folks like Warren Buffett can easily find a way to pay the additional taxes that they believe they should owe," said state Sen. Doug LaMalfa of Richvale, the bill's author, in a release Monday.

Practically no one would pay voluntary taxes, not only because people resent paying more than their fair share but because, unlike charities, government spends money on many things that individual donors would prefer it didn't. Of course, Buffett's conservative critics know this; like most bullies confronted with a powerful argument, they'd rather mock it than try to refute it.

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Some unasked and unanswered questions

This morning let's do like the "do-do bird" and fly backwards for a few minutes. The "do-do bird" is a bird that always flies backward to see where it has come from rather than look forward to see where it is flying. This bird reminds me of the quote that states that those of us who do not learn from the lessons of the past are doomed to repeat them. Unfortunately many of our "thinkers" and "leaders" are just like the "do-do bird." They keep looking backward to times that were, instead of the present and future.

Let's start by discussing several unasked and unanswered questions about some of the things we could have done and why we didn't in the past. By understanding them, the answers might prevent us from repeating the same mistakes.

We keep searching for investors to come here and invest in our islands. But I want us to examine what we do to them after they do invest here. What kind of relationships do we build with them? No, I am not speaking about that we know them by name and occasionally have a short drink with one or two. I am referring to serious follow up and frequent meetings in which frank matters are discussed before they fester and cause disagreements.

Inviting investors is one thing, but understanding each other beyond surface relationships is another matter if we are to continue on a long and harmonious relationship. We must examine what we are doing or we will also lose the new relationships we have with our current tourists from Korea, Russia, and China.

Do we remember the large Japanese tourist market and large Japanese investment we were enjoying several years back? In 1984, when I first started in the tourist business on Saipan, there were only 150,000 guests. Later in 1997, that number mushroomed to about 700,000 tourists. Almost no Koreans, no Chinese, and no Russians—only Japanese!

Why have the Japanese tourists today become almost an endangered group? Where are the reports that show why they deserted our islands and what caused them to desert us? What conclusions can we point to and say these are the reasons? I know for a fact that they have not stopped traveling to other destinations. Has anyone ever prodded for the real reasons?

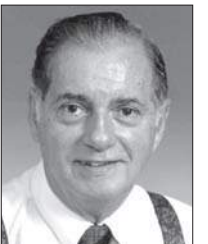
I recall when the Nikko Hotel was being built. There was a big land dispute. In fact, the Japanese investors bluntly told the government at that time that if the land was going to be taken back after they had leased it and already started to build, they would never fly to Saipan. Quickly they were appeased and the hotel was finally built. But from that time on relations became very strained between the government and the Japanese, which continued through the development of the La Fiesta and the Lao Lao Golf Course. And as we all know, Japan Airlines and its investments finally did say goodbye to the CNMI.

Did anyone ever try to reconcile the insult? Did anyone ever try to study how relations could have been improved? Did anyone ever consider that there could be dire consequences if the insults were not mended? In fact, the Nikko group, which is actually owned by Japan Airlines, even considered leveling La Fiesta because they were so disappointed with our attitude.

I truly believe that we never tried to understand the Japanese market but took it for granted. Having lived in Japan for 16 years and in doing business with the Japanese, insults are serious matters and need to be carefully corrected. Japanese do most of their business relations with a handshake depending on the trust of the other side, unlike us who always insist in having lawyers do our negotiating and contracts. Personal trust is usually cast aside. Frankly speaking,

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we insulted them away by our indifference and bad attitude.

Have we forgotten that the Diamond Hotel, now the World Resort, the Grand Hotel, and the Dai-Ichi, now the Fiesta, Marianas Resort, Aqua Resort and the Lao Lao Golf Course—all were Japanese owned? Why did they all sell off their investments? Instead of trying to understand and help Japan Airlines, we alienated the investor that was flying the tourists to Saipan to fill the hotels. Didn't we see or understand the pattern?

Did anyone try to find out why this was happening? Things do not happen in isolation. For every action there is a cause and a reaction.

The Japanese are a tightly knit group. When one is insulted or hurt, the others feel it and also react. Japan has often been labeled "Japan Incorporated" because of their interlocking relationships.

Currently we are busy courting the Korean, Chinese, and Russian tourist markets. Is anyone in the government monitoring how we are doing in our relationship with them? Is there anyone assigned to the job of working with any foreign investors? Do we ever meet together and discuss problems or how to improve our relationships? Are the tourists pleased with their visits to our country? How can we improve our services? And many other points to really cement a relationship?

We have had the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino here for over 10 years. Is anyone in the government assigned to work with them and make sure that they are happy? Or do we just have commissioners overlooking their operations as a watchdog? Is it any wonder that the casino and our relationship with them is at a low point? Notice that after promising them a decent airport with proper landing and safe facilities, we still have not built one. Is it any wonder that relations are strained? Weren't promises and assurances made?

How do other present and future investors view our attitude? Why haven't we had any serious investors here in recent years? In fact, didn't a group of potential investors recently ask the question: Why haven't the present investors succeeded better? No, I don't think it is because of the labor unsettled problem or the non-ownership of land. We have to examine how we are treating the investors we so desire.

We had better begin asking all the unasked questions and answer them. Until we realize that business is competitive and requires a close working relationship between the investor and government, especially after the agreement is signed, investors will never flock here regardless of incentives. And if they do come, will they remain and be happy? Remember they are customers and can shop many other places to put their money. We do not have a monopoly on anything of interest to them.

A truly successful business relationship will only succeed when the parties understand and respect each other. Sustainable business is founded on mutual trust. It consists of people working with people. And this is especially difficult to do when the two parties have

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Amerika the bountiful

It is not very accurate to generalize about America from just a Texas perspective, nor from any single State of the Union for that matter, but we did touch base with Oahu in Hawaii, the Bay area in California, the greater Chicago area, and the tri-city of Dallas-Ft. Worth-Denton, the urban-suburban-exurban-inner city and downtown sections of each, and add the 24/7 media coverage and we feel confident that our observation of “America the Beautiful” turning into “Amerika the Bountiful” is not too far off the mark.

A colleague here in the middle of the tri-city of D2FW between Highland village and Copper Canyon Road at Briarwood Retreat Center (Lutheran) says, “Amerika is going to the dogs.” She added that she’s learning “kennel kayre”! The pervasive self-critique that we have encountered since we breached the friendly skies of United is mixed with a sense of almost giddy humor that is often in short supply among compatriots in the Midwest plains and eastern shores.

Two daughters of our Dallas hosts (Filipino retired print shop operator and his spouse who worked as a department store customer service associate) in the public school system, with a lawyer brother engaged in adverse chemical impact litigations, a hospital medic in-law newly minted from UT med school, and a public school teacher in-law, are unanimous in their judgment that America is at a crossroad; important decisions are in the offing and their generation have to struggle with and wrestle down one in the coming months. It is their generation that has to make decisions because just electing new faces in political offices is not going to do the job, and the extreme critical nature of the situation is not going away anytime soon. This assumption of responsibility is a bright side. Would it not be nice to see this attitude among the young in the CNMI?

Now, a few downsides. We delight in coming to the U.S. since we get to look petite. We look bloated in China in XXL Zhongguo size. In bountiful Amerika, restaurant portion for one is enough to feed a Chi-

nese family of four. Numerous “all-you-can-eat” places are sending the standard American size off the bathroom scale.

No complaint here since my younger brother’s medium and large shirt sizes that no longer fit him just suit me fine. The food table in each of my hosts was plentiful. A Hawaii nephew ballooned back to off-the-rack size when encountering pressure under duress from university education. My Bay area daughter is alarmed at the petroleum-based coloring in the food she’s been serving her two male tots for their alleged carcinogenic influence and anxiety mixes with her digestive metabolism.

One of the current eatery craze attracting American taste buds is the Gaucho Brazilian steakhouse. We went to a suburban one in the outskirt of Chicago. For a flat price, one chews all the meat one can eat as waiters bring them to one’s table in skewers—pork, beef, lamb, etc., until one can no longer burp. A college classmate took us to one three hours after a Filipino picnic already filled us up with *adobo*, *bistek*, and *lechon*. At the GB steakhouse, I stuck to the salad bar and feasted on asparagus and artichokes. I did not know where my friends still had room for meat.

Housing is another sector we noticed. Hawaii has many house owners limping on their second mortgages made attractive and available before the bubble burst. My daughters rent three bedroom units each, one in a townhouse on the foothills of Oakland CA, and the other, a house west off O’Hare airport in Illinois. My daughters barely make middle middle class, but the rates they pay are outrageously high, unaffordable to the general public, and unsustainable in every respect—energy consumption, transport, water, yard work, etc. The tragedy is that China is aping this unsustainable lifestyle in its 10 major cities, driving a deep wedge between the masses and the *nouveau riche*, much to the chagrin of Hu Jintao and Wen Jiabao. The same situation applies on Saipan with pockets of abundance in Papago, Capital Hill, ridge and mountaintop housing, as

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Mampos bahu ekonomian iya America na miyon pot miyon na tautau man-tai che’chu’. Mas ke 40 pot sientu man-mananae’ food stamps pagu. Promesan homlu’ na ekonomia yan cho’chu’ ti posible gi programna Presidente as Obama. Kanaha’ todus ha petsige mapua gi halom napun mampos megai man-sañgan ke dichu pinetsige para u adelanta linala’ i publku.

Ta padedese lokue’ didog na chinatsaga guine. Todu atlibes i promesan “Better Times”. Gaige na kada familia pagu mamatmos gi ma’tut i regulat pottanmonedan niha. Lau ni unu soplu gi mat-tiron fuetsau na apas utilidat kada dos semana. Kalan todus pagu empleau i CUC mientras i man-ma’gasta ma-apopotsu’ pinakat niha gi halom tituka’ taya’ planu.

Lastima i umakamu’ Covenant yan Republican. Hagas hu nañgga i fandañgu lau i uttimu hiniñgoghu, humuyuñg golai faka’! A’ Saina asi’i ham maseha chatmasa i alaguan mame.

Estaba i amiguhu Mago gi entalu’ kareta gi menan un’ bañku. Ha hoñgañgyu’ sa’ kontodu alifokña mabira gi otro banda. Hu atrebiyu’ fumaisen hafa guaha na hana’ atlibes todus moduña. Ilegna, “Ketu lku sa’ hagas ha aligauyu’ i tautau bañku para u amoty’ ni kareta yan gima’hu”. Lamegai man-ginacha’ nu este na klasen aminasu ‘sino chinatsaga.

I otro birada, sige kumanta silensiu, un’ sumen na mahalañg na tu-

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compared to San Antonio, CK, Susupe, and Oleai squalor, but no one seems to mind.

Dallas’ highways reveal a deep dependence on oil and cars like the rest of the automobile-centered settlements in the country. The interchanges are towering mazes, and though attempts at rapid transit of rails and buses are tried, the choice and display of unnecessary motorized power and ostentatious luxury vehicles go unchecked.

In the current political milieu, a few are crying out that corporations are persons, and money spent on politics is free speech. Mover and shaker Wall Street remains hollow but paramount and Main Street bears the cost. That and the outsiders who buy U.S. Treasury bonds who “now have us by the balls.”

We jumped at Russia’s Vladimir Putin for saying that “America is living beyond its means” but lucid Americans are seeing a country on a spending binge before the advent of a financial collapse. We already are deep in debt with our credit cards, and the nation’s credit rating has just been downgraded. The world cries out for a basket of currencies rather than a singular dollar as the basis of global exchange. Meanwhile, we live in bounty; obesity stalks the South and lower income folks wallow in despair. We might be in for a radical shock when the illusion of a well of abundance suddenly shatters and actually dries up. I think it will; I wish to be proven wrong. Hardheaded numbers say, we won’t!

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nada. Dispues ilegña, “Ai, antes tres pesos ha’ i kandet. Pagu mas ke siete sientos pesos gi mes ya linala’hu mas mafondu gi tasin dibi ni tai fondu. “Kuando menos i mañeluta giya Luta yan Tinian ‘nai mas guaguan i fektos siha. A’ Saina gogue ham gi fehman na tinayuyot mame!

Un’ poblen biha ayu ‘nai mamatitinas kebleña i lañan niyog. Dib-eras, ti manlie’yu’ makalamyan amku’. Deste As Lltu’ esta iya Chalan Kanoa, kase tres biahe gi semana ha u’uma un’ kostat sinkuenta libra na kinacha’ niyog. Hu mente este pot makalamya ya ni unabes ‘nai hulie’ umuguñg pot yayas.

Diariu gi oran ‘las quatro gi chatagmag, katma pat uchan, sessu humame mamokat para i gima’ Yuus. Mafattu gi hinasoghu buente para unna’ fan hassoyu’ pot diariu na tinayuyot. Megai siha ha estoriayeyu’ pot tiempon Haliman yan Español guine. Lastima sa’ matai aksidente ya tai tiempoyu’ tumuge’ sinañganeña siha nu guahu.

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different cultural differences and different languages. The product or service is secondary. Unfortunately, we do not practice this. Too often, we mistrust each other. Too often we begrudge the returns they make on their investments, forgetting the risks they take. Why do we act like this?

I am not pointing fingers at anyone for what happened to the Japanese tourist market. But I am deeply concerned that the same may happen to the Korean, Chinese and Russian markets. We must not lose them. If we burn off the Korean, Chinese and Russians, who is left to come here? Please let’s work closer with our investors while relations are good.

We must start asking the unasked questions and answer these unanswered questions, or we are doomed to repeat the mistakes of the past. Oh, how I long for the lost Japanese market. Look out! The “do-do bird” is right overhead.

Letter to the Editor

Saturation patrols more effective

Sobriety checkpoints—like the ones planned on Tinian—often fail to make even a single drunk driving arrest, despite stopping hundreds of vehicles (“Sobriety checkpoints on Tinian,” Aug. 19). A 2009 University of Maryland study found that checkpoints don’t have “any impact on public perceptions, driver behaviors, or alcohol-related crashes, police citations for impaired driving, and public perceptions of alcohol-impaired driving risk.”

County police should employ roving—or saturation—patrols in which police patrol the roadways for dangerous drivers. State Supreme Court cases from both Pennsylvania and New Hampshire






revealed that roving patrols caught 10 times more drunk drivers than checkpoints. According to the FBI “it is proven that saturation efforts will bring more DUI arrests than sobriety checkpoints.” Patrols also stop distracted, speeding, aggressive, and drowsy drivers because officers can catch them in the act.

Sarah Longwell
Managing Director
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Washington, D.C.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly sunny with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 86° ▼ 78°	▲ 86° ▼ 78°	▲ 86° ▼ 78°	▲ 86° ▼ 78°	▲ 86° ▼ 78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 79
Palau	Rain	▲ 84 ▼ 77
Yap	Rain	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Showers	▲ 82 ▼ 77
Pohnpei	Rain	▲ 86 ▼ 74
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	▲ 90 ▼ 75
Majuro	Rain	▲ 84 ▼ 77

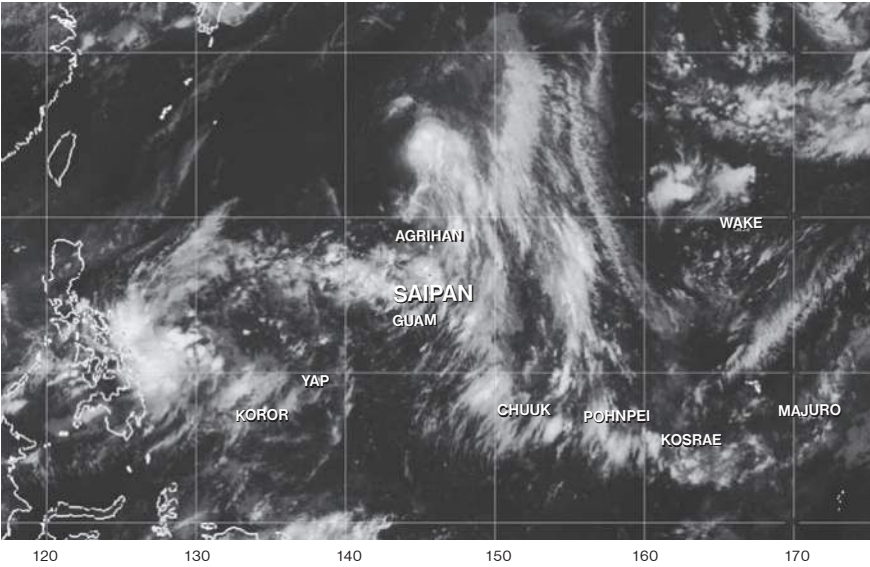
Around The Globe

Auckland	Sunny	▲ 59 ▼ 44
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 65
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 81
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 76
London	Showers	▲ 69 ▼ 58
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75 ▼ 61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 87 ▼ 77
Melbourne	Sunny	▲ 67 ▼ 41
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 90 ▼ 80
New York	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 68
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 76
Paris	Thundershowers	▲ 83 ▼ 62
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲ 79 ▼ 72
Rome	Sunny	▲ 91 ▼ 71
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 60
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62 ▼ 55
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 83 ▼ 68
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 79 ▼ 73
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 73

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
7:36 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
2:42 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
7:15 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2011

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends northeastward from a weak circulation centered northwest of Koror near 10N131E to 15N139E then turns to the southeast to end west of Chuuk at 8N145E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located north of Koror and over Guam within 90 miles of a line from 16N132E to 16N142E to 13N145E and just northwest of Koror between 12N and 6N from 130E to 136E. A surface trough stretches southwestward from a circulation centered north of the Marianas at 25N145E to end at 20N141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found primarily east of the circulation between 25N and 20N from 145E to 152E. Converging southeast winds into the circulation are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the CNMI between 20N and 14N from 144E to 156E. Another surface trough runs southward from 15N155E to 7N154E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found over Chuuk within 80 miles of a line from 14N150E and 6N152E and west of Pohnpei between 14N and 6N from 153E to 158E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers over Kosrae within 90 miles of a line from 6N158E to 4N164E to 5N168E. An upper-level low is producing isolated thunderstorms northwest of Wake Island between 23N and 21N from 160E to 168E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:03 AM	6:37 PM
Tuesday	6:03 AM	6:36 PM
Wednesday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM
Thursday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:34 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:35 PM
Tuesday	12:08 AM
Wednesday	12:59 AM
Thursday	1:54 AM
Friday	2:51 AM

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DEPARTURES	ARRIVALS
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP) C09314 2:20am 2:50am 1, 5	ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM) C09315 5:30am 6:00am 1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP) C09315 4:25am 5:00am 1, 5	ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN) C09314 3:20am 3:55am 1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) C09317 4:25am 5:15am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 C09315 4:25am 6:00am 1, 5 via ROP C09313 7:55am 8:45am 3, 6 C09313 8:30am 9:20am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 C09601 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09603 3:05pm 3:55pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 5K386 5:50pm 6:40pm 4 C09605 6:35pm 7:25pm Daily C09599 9:35pm 10:25pm Daily 5K382 11:30pm 12:20am+1 1, 5	GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN C09314 2:20am 3:55am 1, 5 via ROP C09316 2:45am 3:35am 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 5K387 6:30am 7:20am 3, 4, 7 C09596 6:35am 7:25am 3, 6 C09596 7:00am 7:50am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 5K389 8:00am 8:50am 5 C09600 10:05am 10:55am 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 C09602 1:40pm 2:30pm 1, 4, 5, 7 C09604 5:10pm 6:00pm Daily C09606 8:10pm 9:00pm Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO) 5K212 8:20am 10:55am 3, 4, 7	NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN 5K213 11:55am 4:25pm 3, 4, 7
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX) 0Z119 4:00am 6:40am Daily	OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN 0Z120 9:50pm 2:20am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) DL287 6:05am 8:45am Daily DL297 4:35pm 7:15pm Daily	NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily DL288 8:05pm 12:45am+1 Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) 0Z606 2:20am 6:00am 1 0Z606 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 0Z119 4:00am 11:25am Daily via KIX 0Z604 3:30pm 7:00pm 2, 4, 6, 7	SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN 0Z603 9:00am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 0Z120 7:10pm 2:20am+1 Daily via KIX 0Z605 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7 0Z605 8:10pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN) 3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6	GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN 3U8645 7:40pm 3:00am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) 3U8648 6:05am 8:30am 1, 5	SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN 3U8647 10:40pm 5:00am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) 0Z606/701 2:20am 11:15am 1 via ICN 0Z606/701 2:50am 11:15am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN C09317/191 4:25am 9:45am 3, 6 via GUM DL287/173 6:05am 9:55pm Daily via NRT C09313/183 7:55am 8:40pm 3, 6 via GUM C09603/183 3:05pm 8:40pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM C09603/193 3:05pm 10:10pm 2, 5 via GUM-Palau C09599/PR111 9:30pm 7:50am 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN 0Z704/603 12:10am 2:30pm 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN DL172/288 7:45am 12:35am+1 Daily via NRT 0Z702/605 12:45pm 1:10am+1 7 via ICN 0Z702/605 12:45pm 1:40am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN C0190/9606 10:55am 9:00pm 3, 6 via GUM C0192/9596 9:55pm 7:25am+1 2, 5 via GUM-Palau C0184/9596 10:55pm 7:50am+1 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM C0184/9596 11:25pm 7:50am+1 2, 5 via GUM PR110/C09596 10:00pm 7:25am 5, via GUM PR110/C09596 10:00pm 7:50am 1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-11-050

REHABILITATION OF SEWER LIFT STATION NO. S-3

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the rehabilitation and upgrade of Sewer Lift Station in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general of the rehabilitation and upgrade of Sewer Lift Station No. 3 located in Lower Base, Saipan. The work shall be done not to disrupt the daily operation of the sewer discharge. The work is inclusive of rehabilitation of the wet well, replacement of pumps, guide rails, control panel cleanup of the basins, repair, replacement, rehabilitation of pipeline, pipes, reconditioning of generator, asphalt paving, etc. CUC requires the Project to be completed in **180 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package and Scope-of-Work may be picked-up, upon receipt of a deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of \$ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit will be held on **August 19, 2011 at 1:00 PM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-11-049, Rehabilitation of Sewer Lift Station No. S-3**" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 12, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of one *hundred (100%)* percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one *hundred (100%)* percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 00200 - Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 24, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth_esplin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-11-052

PROCUREMENT OF SEWER PUMP TRUCKS (VACTOR)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the supply and delivery of Two (2) New Sewer Pump Trucks (Vactor) for CUC Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The trucks will jet and vacuum wastewater from the sewer systems. The vehicles should be small enough to work on Saipan's side streets (secondary roadways). The vehicles should be equipped to work at night, in traffic, without a power source.

The RFP packet and specification will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested Offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, during working hours (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM), Monday thru Friday, except government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-052, Procurement of Sewer Pump Trucks (Vactor)" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 15, 2011. Offerors are required to complete all Bid Forms. Offerors may supplement this form as appropriate. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email in PDF format, to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Proposals shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Proposal will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 30 days after submission.

A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Offerors are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code. Please refer to other bidding requirements described in Document 0P200 - Instructions to Offeror.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2011 to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Commander, Kenneth Esplin, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email kenneth_esplin@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-11-053

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF POWER DISTRIBUTION MATERIALS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Power Distribution Materials for the Talafofo Overhead Power Line Extension Project, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of \$100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "**CUC-IFB-11-053, Supply & Delivery of Power Distribution Materials**", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM, (ChST) on September 20, 2011** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Payment and Performance Bond of one *hundred (100%)* percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC.

All insurers questions, concerns and qualification be should handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or supply under the contract.

The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for goods.

Bidders will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) local time on **September 2, 2011** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. Alfredo Palattao, Power Division Engineer via email alfredo_palattao@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Admin. Support Assistant, Procurement & Supply - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-11-055

Lease of Office/Warehouse Space for Power Division, Saipan, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from firms for the lease of office/warehouse spaces for CUC Power Division, Transmission & Distribution Section in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposed office space may be situated within or adjacent to the warehouse. The office/warehouse must have a loading dock and parking stalls that can accommodate over-sized heavy equipment (e. g. bucket trucks, augers and backhoes). Additionally, the proposed office space must conform to American Disabilities Act (ADA), OSHA and CNMI Zoning requirements.

The RFP Packet and Specification may be picked-up, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card, in the amount of \$100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **September 9, 2011 at 1:00 PM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-055, Lease of Office/Warehouse Space, Power Division-T&D" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM, (ChST) local time on September 20, 2011**. Late submission will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) local time on September 12, 2011** to Manuel B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Muna, CUC Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director

2nd Docomo Pacific Golf Classic this Labor Day weekend

Docomo Pacific will once again host the Docomo Pacific Golf Classic this coming Labor Day Weekend. The tournament date is set for Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011 at the beautiful LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort with a tee time of 7am.

"This year, we've lowered the entry fee to \$85," said James

Nelson, Docomo Pacific's general manager. "And as an added bonus, golfers who are Docomo Pacific subscribers can enter for only \$75. Times are tough, but we must continue to do all we can to support non-profit organizations that have a direct impact on our student community."

This year's beneficiary is the

Marianas Tourism Education Council. It is vital that businesses, both large and small, support MTEC in its mission of strengthening awareness in high school students the importance of the islands' tourism industry.

Some of the major sponsors this year are Bank of Hawaii, Delta Air Lines, DFS Saipan

Ltd., First Hawaiian Bank, Kautz Glass, Mobil, and the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

"Being that this is the second year of hosting the tournament, the responses received from the business community have been great and we look forward to more in the days to come," added Nelson.

Entry forms are available at all golf courses, as well as the Docomo Pacific store on Middle Road in Gualo Rai. Submissions of payments are accepted at LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort and at Docomo Pacific. The deadline for entries is Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, so golfers are encouraged to enter

as soon as possible.

For more information about the tournament, contact James Nelson at (670)483-4215 or email jnelson@docomopacific.com.

Docomo Pacific is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Japan telecom giant, NTT Docomo. (*Docomo*)

World Tourism Day photo contest deadline on Aug. 31

In celebration of World Tourism Day 2011 on Sept. 27, the Marianas Visitors Authority and Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands are inviting Northern Mariana Islands residents to participate in the celebration by joining the World Tourism Day Photo Contest. The deadline to submit photos is Aug. 31, 2011.

World Tourism Day 2011 is sponsored by the U.N. World Tourism Organization and will be celebrated under the theme "Tourism – Linking Cultures," an opportunity to highlight tour-

ism's role in bringing the cultures of the world together and promoting global understanding through travel.

"World Tourism Day 2011 is a celebration of how tourism can link together the cultures of the world through engagement, dialogue and understanding," said UNTWO on its website. "We are looking for photos which capture how tourism brings people together from different cultures and ways of life around the world. We'd like to see photos that reflect the role of tourism in

strengthening ties, promoting peace and conserving and enhancing cultural diversity."

Contest requirements are:

■ Photos can be in color or in black and white.

■ Up to 3 photos may be submitted by each individual participant.

■ Photos must be the individual work of the named participant and must not have been previously published.

■ Photos must be submitted electronically in high resolution jpeg, gif or png format (minimum 800 width x 600 height

pixels/no more than 5MB)

■ All photos should be accompanied by a title and a short description, no more than 250 characters.

The MVA and HANMI expressed that as the World Tourism Day online photo competition is open to everyone, it is an excellent opportunity for the people of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to share how tourism affects them. The tourism part-

ners encouraged contestants to be proud to show how tourism fosters intercultural exchange and understanding in the Northern Marianas community, especially as the islands are a multi-cultural destination welcoming visitors from around the world.

Prizes will be awarded and winners will be announced and notified in early September 2011. For more information visit <http://wtd.unwto.org>.

The World Tourism Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations and the leading international organization in the field of tourism. It serves as a global forum for tourism policy issues and a practical source of tourism know-how. UNWTO plays a central and decisive role in promoting the development of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism. (*MVA*)

FSM receives funding for income survey

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Office of Insular Affairs awarded a \$60,363 grant to assist the Federated States of Micronesia in their efforts to conduct a Household Income and Expenditure Survey, or HEIS. The survey, administered once every five years is carried out by the FSM's Office of SBOC, which is responsible for statistics and compact management. The 2010 HEIS coincided with the 2010 Census and was consequently delayed by a year. The expected completion is December 2011.

The 2005 HEIS was instrumental in enabling the FSM to provide data on the distri-

bution of income, compile its national accounts, provide nutritional information and food consumption patterns for families, and conduct a poverty hardship assessment.

"I commend the FSM government for making the HEIS a priority. Without sound economic data and statistics it becomes difficult for policymakers to target government funding effectively and ensure vulnerable populations are being properly served," said Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Tony Babauta.

The 2011 Survey is expected to cover regular household units, gathering data relating

to income and expenditure that include standard economic and population demographics and statistics.

The HEIS is a sample survey involving the interview of a national sample of around 10% of households spread across the four states of Micronesia. Efforts are also underway to ensure the HEIS meets regional quality control and compliance standards set forth by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, an international organization that provides technical and policy advice and assistance, training and research services to its Pacific Island members. (*OIA*)

USGS gets \$1.2M to develop tools, training systems for controlling brown tree snakes

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Tony Babauta, approved a \$1,213,000 reimbursable support agreement between the Office of Insular Affairs and the U.S. Geological Survey. Funds will be used by USGS to continue developing and testing tools aimed at further increasing efforts to capture and control the invasive brown tree snake in Guam.

In addition, funding will go toward the continued provision of Rapid Response Team training to partners in the Pacific to ensure swift action can be taken in the event of a non-Guam brown tree snake sighting.

"I am pleased to be able to continue the successful partnership between OIA and USGS to combat the brown tree snake infestation on Guam and to prevent the establishment of a self-sustaining population elsewhere," said Babauta. "This invasive species has decimated Guam's biological environment but great strides have been made with the ongoing investments and partnerships with federal, local, and environmental stakeholders. I am confident that our continued support will serve us to better understand, control, capture, and manage this invasive species."

The brown tree snake is believed to have been unintentionally introduced to the is-

land of Guam following World War II. The brown tree snake is directly responsible for the extinction or local extirpation of nine of 13 native forest birds and three of 12 native lizards.

The BTS Control Program is an interagency operational and research program designed to prevent the dispersal of this non-indigenous invasive species to other areas and to eradicate existing brown tree snake populations in non-native areas. The potential economic impacts of a brown tree snake population being established on Hawaii alone have been estimated between \$593 million to \$2.14 billion annually. (*OIA*)

Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) ITB 11-1

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT or Trust) invites interested insurance brokers who are licensed to conduct business on Saipan at the time of the bid submission, to submit priced bids providing Fiduciary Liability insurance.

Copies of the bid package are available from the MPLT office or via email from the Trust's Office Manager, Bobbie Reyes at bobbieannreyes@mplt.gov.mp

Three copies of complete bids shall be delivered to MPLT no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, 6 September 2011.



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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID#: IFB 11-0002

TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of Termite and Pest Control Services.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday (August 22, 2011) to Friday between the hours of 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m. September 19, 2011, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. You may request a copy of the IFB 11-0002 packet via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anitic@nmcnet.edu).

Sealed bids must be marked "NMC IFB 11-0002" for bidders within the CNMI, an original and 4 copies of sealed bids must be submitted to NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 19, 2011. Bidders outside the CNMI may obtain an additional (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of intent to bid. Notice of intent to bid must be received by the Procurement and Property Manager no later than 10:00am local time September 19, 2011 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 235-7601 or via email to anitic@nmcnet.edu. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and 4 copy of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 19, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, As Terlaje Campus on September 19, 2011 at 1:30pm. However, if notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at September 27, 2011 at 1:30pm.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College. All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ John D. Guerrero
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INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID#: IFB 11-0003

AIR CONDITIONING MAINTENANCE SERVICE

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Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m. September 20, 2011, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. You may request a copy of the IFB 11-0002 packet via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anitic@nmcnet.edu).

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Bids will be publicly opened and read at the NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, As Terlaje Campus on September 20, 2011 at 1:30pm. However, if notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at September 28, 2011 at 1:30pm.

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Business

Matson to cut shipping surcharge to Guam, NMI

» Company cites sinking oil prices for decrease

HONOLULU—The largest shipping company that carries goods to Guam, the CNMI, and Hawaii from the U.S. mainland is making good on a promise to adjust surcharges if fuel prices drop.

Matson Navigation Company announced Friday the fuel sur-

charge that was raised in June is decreasing by two percentage points to 47 percent for services in Guam, Micronesia and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The charge is to drop to 45.5 percent for Hawaii service.

The adjusted surcharge goes into effect Aug. 28.

"The price for bunker fuel, which is the type of fuel con-

sumed by most ocean carriers, has risen faster over the past year than crude oil. While we are encouraged by the recent moderation of bunker fuel costs, allowing us to make this decrease, they have not mirrored the recent downward movement of crude oil prices; bunker fuel remains at unusually high levels, exceeding the cost of crude oil," Matson senior vice presi-

dent Dave Hoppes said.

Matson says the adjustment is possible because of recent declines in bunker fuel prices.

The company estimates the decrease represents a reduction in shipping costs ranging from \$60 to \$105 per container.

The drop is the first this year. The company had made four increases of 25.73 percentage points this year. (AP)

Oil finishes lower for the week

By **SANDY SHORE**
AP BUSINESS WRITER

Oil ended the day below \$83 a barrel on Friday, finishing down about 4 percent for the week, on fears that another recession could cut demand for energy.

Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude for September

delivery fell 12 cents to finish at \$82.26 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after earlier rising as high as \$83.55 per barrel. Stocks also started the day with gains but the major indexes ended down more than 1 percent, posting their fourth straight week of losses as uncertainty about the global economy

continued.

Benchmark crude remains well above its lowest point in the past year. It finished at \$71.63 a barrel last Aug. 24.

Still, oil has been falling since April and lower prices will likely mean more relief at the gas pump. The national average for retail gasoline is \$3.59 a gallon, according to AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. That's down 10 percent from this year's high of \$3.98 on May 5.

Gas could be around \$3.25 a gallon by Labor Day and may drop as low as \$3.15 by the end of the year, according to Fred Rozell, OPIS retail pricing director.

While gas may be headed lower, it's still taking a big piece out of household income. The median U.S. household income before taxes is almost \$50,000 a year. In July families spent about \$374 a month on gasoline, or around 9 percent of household income, according to Rozell. For the year, monthly gas expenses average about 8.4 percent, compared with 6.7 percent in 2010.

Burger King retires 'The King'



AP

In this May 18, 2006 photo, Burger King CEO John W. Chidsey, background center, watches as "The King" mascot of Burger King Corp., arrives at the New York Stock Exchange in New York.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—The King is dead, but the burger lives on.

Burger King Corp. on Friday said it is retiring "The King" mascot, a man with an oversized plastic head and creepy smile who in recent years has been shown in ads peeping into people's windows and popping up next to them in bed.

The move is an effort by the struggling fast food chain to boost slumping sales by focusing its marketing on the freshness of its food rather than the funny-factor of its ads. It's rolling out a new campaign on Saturday sans The King to tout its fresh ingredients and new products like its California Whopper, which has guacamole.

"We won't be seeing The King for a while," Burger King spokesman BJ Monzon said Friday.

The new focus is a departure for Burger King, which long has targeted its ads to male teens who like to chomp its chargrilled burgers and gulp its milkshakes. The economic downturn has battered its core customer—young males have been particularly hard hit by unemployment

—and Burger King is looking to boost declining sales by appealing to the mothers, families and others that rivals like McDonald's Corp. have successfully courted.

"I think it's great they are doing something as opposed to just withering away," said Joel Cohen a restaurant marketing consultant. "They are taking an approach that is like not that much different from what McDonald's is doing and growing up."

The new focus comes as Burger King attempts to regain its edge. While competitors have grown by updating their offerings, Burger King largely stuck to its menu of burgers and fries.

McDonald's, for instance, has worked to portray itself as a healthier, hip place to eat, offering wireless access in restaurants, updating decor and introducing smoothies, oatmeal and yogurt parfaits. And Subway has grown quickly by emphasizing fresh, quick and affordable food. Burger King also has faced competition from other burger chains, like Sonic, Carl's Jr. and Five Guys Burgers and Fries.



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CITIZEN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Almost every job now held by an alien in the Commonwealth will soon be available for interested and qualified U.S. citizens. Jobs currently held by foreign workers will require a new federal permit. The new federal transitional worker program will require employers to hire available qualified U.S. citizens or green card holders before hiring or re-hiring aliens as transitional workers.

Citizens must act to take advantage of this opportunity. Citizens should inquire of employers to see if there is a job, now held by an alien, for which they are qualified. Employers will need to get new federal permits by November 28, 2011. A federal permit to employ an alien can be obtained only if an employer makes reasonable efforts to find qualified U.S. citizens for these jobs and no qualified citizens are available. FAS citizens may also take advantage of this requirement.

If you have problems, the CNMI Department of Labor will help. If you know of a job held by an alien for which you believe you are qualified, you can apply directly to the employer. It is also recommended that you notify the Department of any application that you file directly with an employer. The Department may monitor the application process. The Department also recommends that you provide Labor with a copy of your resume and work interests to be placed in the Department searchable database. Labor will notify the employer and the federal authorities that there are U.S. citizens available for the job. The Department can also assist you in developing a resume and improving your job interview techniques.

Employers are required to consider qualified citizens fairly. If you are refused consideration or believe that you have been rejected unfairly, you can file a complaint with the Department of Labor, and our investigators will examine the employer's records and summon them for a hearing if necessary.

Don't miss this opportunity to fill jobs in the Commonwealth with U.S. citizens. We expect the new federal regulations on work permits will be issued soon. Start your job planning now.



SIZE MATTERS

Win a limited edition ICE CHEST or T-SHIRT!

For a chance to win submit a photo of yourself
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Mark it 'Size Matters Contest' with your name and phone number
Visit www.sizematterscnmi.blogspot.com for details!



Nation

In Iraq, youngest US troops bore the heaviest toll

SILVANA, Wash. (AP)—In a hilltop graveyard overlooking this Stillaguamish River village lies a young soldier killed in the infancy of the Iraq war.

Army Spc. Justin W. Hebert's story is sad and sadly unremarkable, a tragedy bound up in the tale of a grinding war that took young lives with grievous regularity. Nearly one-third of U.S. troops killed in Iraq were age 18 to 21. Well over half were in the lowest enlisted ranks.

For Hebert, the Army was an adventure. But it didn't last long.

Barely two years after he finished high school, exactly three months after President George W. Bush declared the end of major combat in Iraq and just four days after his 20th birthday, Hebert was mortally wounded in an insurgent ambush that may have been a setup by an Iraqi "informant."

It was Aug. 1, 2003. The war, according to the Pentagon's plan, was supposed to be over. Baghdad had fallen swiftly. But a new, more menacing phase of conflict was just beginning. An insurgency was in the making, and in its formative months it perplexed U.S. commanders and cost Hebert his life.

In the years since, the U.S. effort in Iraq has veered from the brink of calamity to the threshold of surprising success. With

AP
In this photo taken Thursday Aug. 4, 2011, the gravesite of a young soldier, Army Spc. Justin W. Hebert, killed in the infancy of the Iraq war, is seen in Silvana, Wash.

the remaining U.S. troops now packing to leave, possibly for good, casualties and costs will be tallied one last time.

More elusive is a firm judgment on the net benefit of the American sacrifice, the more than 4,400 dead, the tens of thousands injured and the untold numbers suffering unseen psychological wounds for years to come.

The invasion, occupation and transition to Iraqi government control lasted far longer than predicted, cost more than imagined and left a town like Silvana, population 90, to wonder why a war so far away brought grief so close to home.

The sacrifice of so many lives like Hebert's helped turn U.S. public opinion firmly against the war by the time Barack Obama was campaigning for president in 2008. Three years later, young Americans still die in Iraq even though the war is widely seen as over.

It is also widely seen as a mistake, and by some as a waste.

Hebert was buried here in his hometown, about 50 miles north



of Seattle, in a small, century-old graveyard surrounded by cedars and firs, beside a landmark known as The Little White Church on the Hill.

A recent visit to his grave shortly after the eighth anniversary of his death made clear that he has not been forgotten. His headstone was bedecked with one full-size and more than a dozen miniature American flags, potted plants, flower bouquets, cards and birthday

balloons—silent tributes from a proud community.

Hebert's sister, Jessica Cole, described him as mouthy, a jokester, and a "smarty pants." He

also had the inner strength, she said, to overcome his childhood fear of heights and volunteer for Army training in parachuting from airplanes. She said he had

never been in a plane until he flew to Fort Sill, Okla., to begin basic training in June 2001.

"He would not get on a ladder to change Christmas lights on a two-story building for the life of him," she said in an interview.

He saw the Army as a ticket to a better life.

"He joined pretty much to get out of the little town we grew up in," she said, and for the chance to see the world. She never imagined he would return so soon to be buried by family and friends.

Was Silvana's and the Hebert family's loss for a greater gain?

Americans and Iraqis have to hope so. They hope Iraq, with the demise of Saddam Hussein and the promise of its vast oil resources, will overcome sectarian divisions to govern and defend itself with at least a semblance of democracy. They hope it will keep a lid on extremist fighters who will remain when the last American has gone home. And they hope Iran's militant Islam influence, already on the rise, will be kept in check.

Months later, Giffords now knows who gunman killed

PHOENIX (AP)—For months after the spasm of violence that shattered her world, Arizona congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was shielded from the wider scope of that January morning, when a gunman shot her in the head, badly wounding her and 12 others outside a Tucson political event.

Trying to protect her fragile state, staff and family members didn't let her know that six had perished in the Jan. 8 attack, including one of her most trusted staff members and a federal judge who was a close friend.

Just weeks ago, Giffords found out the truth, delaying a grief process the rest of the country had gone through months before.

On Saturday, a Giffords' staffer confirmed that the Democratic politician was told by her husband in late July that those who passed away included her close aide Gabe Zimmerman; U.S. District Judge John Roll, a close friend; and 9-year-old Christina-Taylor Green. The Arizona Republic first reported those details early Saturday.

News of who the victims were came to Giffords just days before her surprise Aug. 1 ap-

pearance on Capitol Hill to vote on the federal debt ceiling. Her loved ones had been keeping the scope of the tragedy from her until she was strong enough to handle it.

"She knew for some time that six people had died and 13 were injured, including herself," said Mark Kimble, who is Giffords' new spokesman. "In late July, shortly before she went to Washington, she wanted to know more information, specifically about who had died. That's when her husband told her."

According to Kimble, only Giffords and her husband, newly retired astronaut Mark Kelly, were in the room when the congresswoman learned of the names of the six who died.

Later, Giffords gave her personal condolences to Zimmerman's father during a brief telephone conversation on Aug. 7, the Republic reported Saturday.

"It wasn't very long, but it covered important things," Ross Zimmerman told the newspaper. "She said she felt awful about Gabe."

The man charged in the rampage in Tucson, Jared Lee Loughner, has been at a federal prison facility in Springfield,

Mo., since late May after a federal judge concluded he was mentally incompetent to stand trial. Loughner, 22, has pleaded not guilty to 49 charges. Mental health experts have determined he suffers from schizophrenia.

Meanwhile, the return of Giffords to Washington to cast a vote on debt-ceiling legislation fueled speculation about whether she'll seek re-election next year or run for a U.S. Senate seat.

Giffords, 41, hasn't yet publicly revealed her plans for the future. She has been undergoing physical, occupational and speech therapy in Houston as part of her rehabilitation.

Ross Zimmerman recalled from his recent phone conversation with Giffords that "she still has some trouble with language, but there is no question that she can get her point across and her comprehension is 100 percent."

"When she gets excited or stressed, it's harder for her to put words together in sentences," Zimmerman told the Republic. "That's the thing that she has the most trouble with. She's having to relearn language, and that's tough. She's having to learn how to write with her left hand at this point. And now, she's having to start the grieving process that the rest of us started back in January."



Giffords

ACROSS THE NATION

Man suspected in deaths of wife, 3 kids arrested

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP)—A Virginia man suspected in the deaths of his wife and her three children found in their burned apartment was arrested Saturday in South Carolina. Newport News police said in a press release that John Moses Ragin, 36, was taken into custody Saturday after he called detectives to say he was in Manning, S.C. Police said they were bringing Ragin back to Virginia after obtaining warrants for four counts of murder. Additional charges were pending, including arson and use of a weapon in the commission of a felony, spokesman Harold Eley told The Associated Press. Police were called to the family's apartment because of a fire Friday when they found four bodies. Police have identified them as 32-year-old Crystal Ragin and her children, 15-year-old Sierra, 10-year-old Rasheed and 6-year-old Lakwan.

Police: 4 high school athletes killed in NJ crash

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP)—A sport utility vehicle carrying eight members of a southern New Jersey high school football team crashed Saturday on the Garden State Parkway, killing four players and injuring another four, authorities said. It wasn't immediately clear where the teenagers were coming from or where they were going when the SUV crashed at about 11:45 a.m. in the southbound lanes of the parkway near exit 38A in Egg Harbor Township. The driver apparently lost control of the SUV as it went around a crest in the road and came upon heavy traffic, said Sgt. Julian Castellanos, a state police spokesman. The SUV overturned several times, ejecting two passengers, one of whom was struck by a passing car, Castellanos said.

Bail set for NYPD officer accused of rape

NEW YORK (AP)—An off-duty New York City police officer accused of raping a teacher was being held on bail of \$500,000 cash or \$1 million bond after appearing in court Saturday. Officer Michael Pena was arraigned in Manhat-

tan Criminal Court on charges of first-degree rape, criminal sexual act and predatory sexual assault. His aunt, Ramona Pena, told WNBC-TV that the family was shocked about the allegations. "He's a gorgeous person. He's a person with a lot of moral value," she said. The television station reported that his attorney, Juan Campos, said in court that his client was "a very soft-spoken, peaceful individual." Campos could not immediately be reached by telephone for additional comment after the arraignment.

Small plane crashes at Kan. air show, pilot killed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—A stunt pilot was killed in fiery crash during a Kansas City air show on Saturday after his plane appeared unable to get out of a downward spiral and plummeted nose-first into the ground, witnesses and authorities said. Missouri Department of Aviation spokesman Joe McBride said the pilot couldn't pull out of a maneuver and the biplane crashed at a downtown airfield. No spectators were injured, and McBride said it was the first fatal crash at the annual Kansas City Aviation Expo Air Show. Event officials identified the pilot as Bryan Jensen.

3 generations of NY family die in I-95 wreck in NC

WILSON, N.C. (AP)—A New York family returning from Disney World was devastated Saturday evening when women representing three generations were killed in a wreck on Interstate 95 in eastern North Carolina. Trooper G.G. Barnes of the North Carolina Highway Patrol said early Sunday that a 22-year-old woman, her mother and grandmother were killed when the family's SUV blew a tire on northbound I-95 in Wilson County, the driver lost control and the vehicle overturned. Barnes identified the victims as Rosanny Marte, 22; Angela Marte, 46; and Rosa Marte, 71. Five other family members in the vehicle—including the husbands of Angela and Rosa Marte, and Angela's two other children and nephew—remained hospitalized early Sunday with non-life-threatening injuries. Barnes said the family is from New York City.

Asia

North Korean leader visits Russia

MOSCOW (AP)—Reclusive North Korean leader Kim Jong Il said he was pleased to see Russia's development, after being warmly welcomed by Russian officials at the start of a rare trip to the Cold War era ally, North Korean state media reported Sunday.

Kim crossed into Russia on his armored train Saturday at the invitation of President Dmitry Medvedev, with the two leaders reportedly planning a summit aimed at discussing the restart of nuclear disarmament talks and the construction of a pipeline that would stream Russian natural gas to North and South Korea.

Kim's train stopped in the Russian border city of Khasan on Saturday morning before moving on to its next destination, the official Korean Central

News Agency reported from Pyongyang.

At Khasan's railway station, he was warmly greeted by senior Russian officials, including Viktor Ishaev, presidential envoy to the Far East Region of the Russian Federation, KCNA said.

The Russian officials said Kim's trip would "mark a historic occasion" in moving cooperative bilateral ties to a "fresher and higher stage," KCNA said. Kim replied he was "very pleased" to see the achievement made by the Russian people and thanked Russian officials and people for warmly welcoming him, it said.

Kim's visit to Russia—his first since 2002—comes amid signs that Pyongyang is increasing efforts to secure aid and restart stalled six-nation disar-

mament negotiations aimed at ending its nuclear weapons program in return for aid.

Last month, a senior North Korean diplomat visited New York to discuss ways to resume the nuclear talks last held in December 2008. Earlier, the nuclear envoys of North and South Korea met in Indonesia for talks.

Russia and North Korea both announced Friday that Moscow will provide food assistance, including some 50,000 tons of wheat, to Pyongyang. North Korea might face another food crisis this year due to heavy rains.

"The key reasons for Kim's Russian visit are to discuss receiving food aid and improving economic cooperation between the two" countries, said Yang Moo-jin, a professor at the University of North Korean Studies in Seoul.

Suu Kyi 'happy' after meeting president

NAYPYITAW, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi said Saturday she was pleased with her first meeting with the military-dominated country's new president. It was her highest contact with the new government since her release from house arrest last November.

The Nobel Peace Prize laureate told reporters she was "happy and satisfied" with the meeting Friday. She spoke after attending a government-sponsored forum in the capital, Naypyitaw.

The government's invitation to Suu Kyi has generated optimism that the nominally civilian government of President Thein Sein is willing to hold a dialogue with the opposition. Suu Kyi has repeatedly called for talks since her release from seven years of house arrest.

"I hope and believe there will be better understanding" with the government, Suu Kyi spokesman Nyan Win told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Officials warmly greeted Suu Kyi on Saturday at the government-run forum, where she chatted with several over coffee. It was in a stark contrast with the 15 of the past 22 years she has spent under house arrest. During her

Myanmar's democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi, left, and President Thein Sein pose for photos before their meeting at the presidential office on Friday, Aug. 19, 2011 in Naypyitaw, Myanmar's administrative capital.



last seven-year stretch she lived with two female members of her National League for Democracy party and rarely was allowed to see anyone else.

Suu Kyi was driven home to Yangon in a government car after attending the forum.

In their meeting Friday, Suu

Kyi and Thein Sein held "frank and friendly discussions" to "find ways and means of cooperation," state-run newspapers reported Saturday with pictures of them greeting each other.

In Brussels, the European Union welcomed the meeting as a "positive first step."

Powerful quakes hit Vanuatu in South Pacific

SYDNEY (AP)—A series of earthquakes struck off the South Pacific island nation of Vanuatu on Sunday, causing minor damage, but there were no immediate reports of injuries. Local tsunami advisories were issued but later lifted, and no tsunami was recorded.

The U.S. Geological Survey said a magnitude-7.1 quake struck at 3:55 a.m. (1655 GMT Saturday) at a depth of 25.2 miles (40.6 kilometers). Its epicenter was 39 miles (63 kilometers) south-southwest of Vanuatu's capital, Port-Vila.

The temblor was followed

by several aftershocks, including a magnitude-7.0 quake that struck at 5:19 a.m. (1819 GMT) at a depth of 17.7 miles (28.5 kilometers). Its epicenter was 42 miles (69 kilometers) south-southwest of Port-Vila.

The Vanuatu Geohazards Observatory said it issued four local tsunami advisories that were lifted after about two hours. The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center did not issue a tsunami warning.

Some minor damage was reported in the southern part of the country and in the surrounding

areas of Port-Vila, said Esrom Molisa, an official with Vanuatu's National Disaster Management Office.

Vanuatu, a chain of 83 islands, lies just over 1,250 miles (2,000 kilometers) northeast of Sydney. It is part of the Pacific "Ring of Fire," an arc of earthquake and volcanic zones stretching from South America through Alaska and down through the South Pacific.

A magnitude-7.3 quake struck near Vanuatu on Dec. 26, causing a tsunami a few inches high but no damage.

World

Libyan rebels are attacking Tripoli

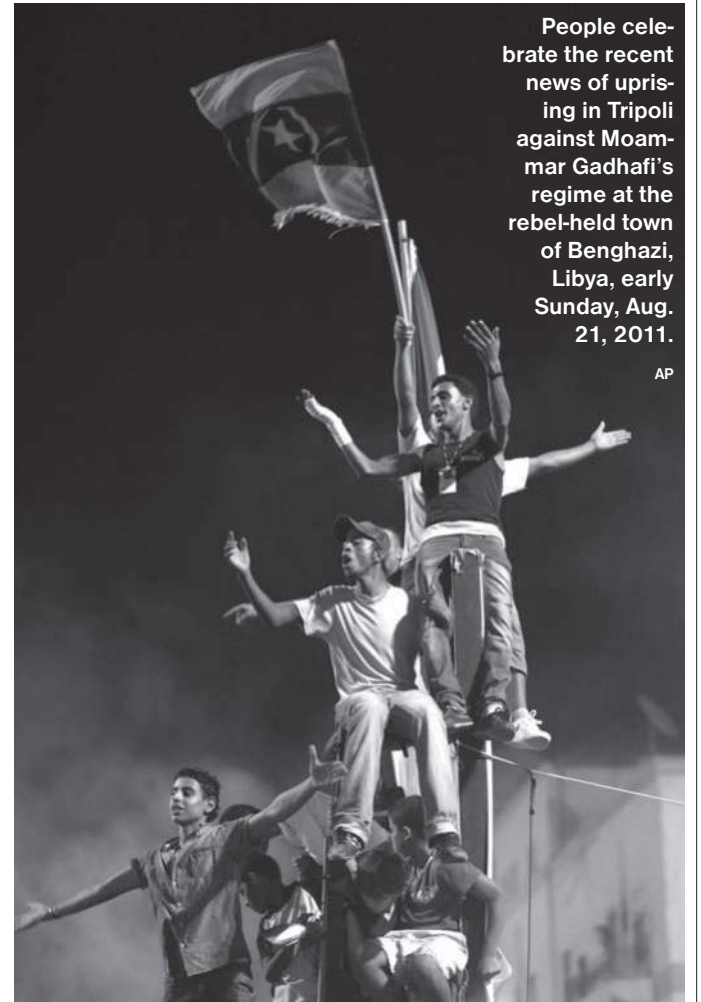
TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libyan rebels said they launched their first attack on Tripoli in coordination with NATO late Saturday, and Associated Press reporters heard unusually heavy gunfire and explosions in the capital. The fighting erupted just hours after opposition fighters captured the key city of Zawiya nearby.

Gunbattles and mortar rounds were heard clearly at the hotel where foreign correspondents stay in Tripoli. NATO aircraft made heavy bombing runs after nightfall, with loud explosions booming across the city.

"We planned this operation with NATO, our Arab associates and our rebel fighters in Tripoli with commanders in Benghazi," Mustafa Abdel-Jalil, the head of the rebel leadership council, told the Arab satellite channel Al-Jazeera. Benghazi, hundreds of miles east of Tripoli, is the rebels' de facto capital.

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TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—Tunisia's Foreign Ministry has recognized the Libyan rebels' National Transitional Council as the sole legitimate representative of the Libyan people, the official Tunisian TAP news agency reported Saturday.

The move represents a major shift in policy for Libya's neighbor to the west, which has remained neutral throughout the months-long civil conflict that has seen rebels attempt to oust long-stand-



People celebrate the recent news of uprising in Tripoli against Moammar Gadhafi's regime at the rebel-held town of Benghazi, Libya, early Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011.

AP

ing leader Moammar Gadhafi.

France and Italy were among the first nations to recognize the Benghazi-based NTC as the Libyan government, and the United States has also done so.

TAP also reported that Gadhafi's former No. 2, Abdel-Salam Jalloud, left the Tunisian island of Djerba for Italy

after apparently defecting.

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Abdel-Jalil they said chose to start the attack on Tripoli on the 20th day of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which fell on Saturday. The date marks the ancient Islamic Battle of Badr, when Muslims first fought for the holy city of Mecca in A.D. 624.

Plane crashes in Canadian Arctic, 12 killed

RESOLUTE BAY, Nunavut (AP)—A chartered Boeing 737-200 plane crashed Saturday afternoon as it was approaching an airport in Canada's Arctic region, killing 12 people and injuring three, police said.

Residents of the tiny hamlet of Resolute Bay in the Arctic territory of Nunavut and soldiers from a nearby military exercise rushed to the scene in a desperate effort to try and pull survivors from the flaming wreckage.

First Air charter flight, num-

ber 6560, was traveling from Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories to Resolute Bay, and was scheduled to continue on to Grise Fiord on Ellesmere Island.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Constable Angelique Dignard said the plane was carrying 15 people, including four crew members. Two adults and a child were flown to a hospital in the territorial capital of Iqaluit for treatment, police said. One of the adults was in critical condition.

Doreen McDonald passed

near the charred wreckage of the plane as she was returning to town from a camping trip.

"It's in three different pieces. The wings are still attached. The front and back are separated," she said. "And they were picking up pieces of bodies."

The crash has sent a wave of sorrow through the community of about 230 people.

"People are still in shock," said McDonald, adding her phone had been ringing non-stop as the community tried to come to grips with the tragedy.

Iran sentences 2 American men to 8 years in jail

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Two American men arrested more than two years ago while hiking along the Iraq-Iran border have been sentenced to eight years in prison on charges that include espionage, state TV reported Saturday, a sharp blow to hopes their release was imminent.

The announcement seemed to send a hard-line message from Iran's judiciary—which answers directly to the ruling clerics—weeks after the country's foreign minister suggested that the trial of Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal could clear the way for their freedom.

It also was likely to raise speculation about Iran using the Americans as political bargaining chips and could bring added tensions to Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's expected visit to New York next month for the annual General Assembly at the United Nations.

Authorities did not immediately confirm the report and made no further comment—although it was carried on Iran's highly controlled state media, which is frequently used to make high-profile announcements.

In Washington, State Department Spokeswoman Victoria

Nuland restated U.S. appeals for their release. "It is time to reunite them with their families," she said.

A spokeswoman for the men's relatives said only that the families were aware of the report and awaiting confirmation.

"They are asking for privacy during this difficult time," Samantha Topping said.

The Americans, whose final court hearing was three weeks ago, deny the charges and say they were only hiking in a scenic and largely peaceful area of northern Iraq near the porous border.

Health & Fitness

Studies show 15 minutes of daily exercise can help

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Don't despair if you can't fit in the recommended 30 minutes of daily exercise. Growing evidence suggests that even half that much can help.

It's still no excuse to slack off. Regular exercise strengthens muscles, reduces the risk of some diseases and promotes mental well-being. The more exercise, the better.

But not everyone has the time or willpower. So researchers set out to find the minimum amount of physical activity needed to reap health benefits. The findings by a study in Taiwan suggest just 15 minutes of moderate exercise a day can lead to a longer life.

This "may convince many individuals that they are able to incorporate physical activity into their busy lives," Dr. Anil Nigam of the University of Montreal said in an email.

Nigam had no role in the research but wrote an editorial accompanying the Taiwan study published online Monday in The Lancet.

Fitness guidelines by the World Health Organization, the U.S. and other countries recommend that adults get at least a half-hour of moderate workout most days of the week. This can include brisk walking, bike riding and water aerobics.

Realizing that it might be difficult for some to break a sweat, health groups have suggested breaking it down into smaller, more manageable chunks of time such as three 10-minute spurts a day on weekdays.

The latest study, a large one



AP
In this Jan. 18, 2011 file photo Thai-Chinese men and women take morning exercise by practicing Chinese martial arts at a park in Bangkok, Thailand.

led by researchers at the National Health Research Institutes in Taiwan, sought to determine if exercising less than the recommended half-hour was still helpful.

The researchers noted that east

Asians—including China, Japan and Taiwan—are generally less physically active than their Western counterparts and their workouts tend to be less intense.

About 416,000 Taiwanese adults were asked how much exercise they did the previous month. Based on their answers, they were put into five groups of varying activity levels from inactive to highly active. Researchers kept track of their progress for eight years on average and calculated projected life expectancy.

The study found those who exercised just 15 minutes a day—or 90 minutes a week—cut their risk of death by 14 percent and extended their life expectancy by three years compared with those who did no exercise. Both men and women benefited equally from the minimum activity.

Each additional 15 minutes of exercise reduced the risk of

death by another 4 percent compared with the inactive group. Researchers did not report how additional exercise affected life expectancy.

There were some limitations. Answers were self-reported. The study, though large, was observational, which means the health benefits may not be entirely due to exercise. But researchers said they took into account other factors that might affect health such as smoking and drinking. And outside scientists said the findings are in line with other studies.

For the sedentary, the key is this: Some exercise is better than none.

"Get off the couch and start moving," said I-Min Lee of the Harvard School of Public Health.

In a study published in Circulation earlier this month, Lee and colleagues found that people who engaged in 15 min-

utes a day of moderate physical activity had a 14 percent lower risk of heart disease compared with inactive people.

That research, combining the results of nearly three dozen studies of people from North America and Europe, also found that the benefit increased with more activity and may provide more motivation to the physically fit.

People should strive to do the recommended level of exercise, but should not be discouraged if they can't achieve it right away. Start slow and gradually build up.

"As inactive persons start moving, they may very well find that they become more fit" and reaching their exercise goal becomes easier, Lee said.

Until a year ago, Bernadette O'Brien, a retired principal who lives in northern New Jersey, did not make time for exercise. She would occasionally walk around her neighborhood and swim in the pool at her local gym, but she did little else.

After the 80-year-old was diagnosed with diabetes, she decided to change her habits. Now O'Brien exercises between 15 and 45 minutes a day, five days a week. She mixes up her routine with water aerobics and strength training so she won't get bored.

"I feel healthy and energetic. And my balance is pretty good," she said.

Personal Trainer

Balancing leg muscle strength

Leg muscles are large and powerful, and the key to developing them is doing balanced exercises that work opposing muscles equally.

Quadriceps muscles (quads) straighten knee

Also raise thigh toward body; used in jumping, running, kicking, skipping, lifting, pushing



Quadriceps muscle

Hamstring muscle

Knee-cap

Hamstring muscles bend knee

Usually about two-thirds as strong as quadriceps

Activities that call for powerful quad bursts (such as sprinting and jumping) can pull or tear weak hamstrings, a common sports injury

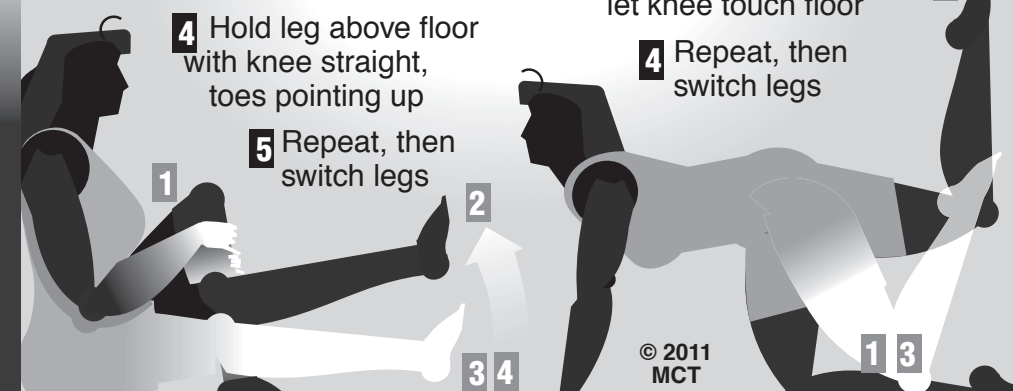
Two opposed leg exercises

Quadriceps lifts

- 1 Sit with back against wall; hold bent knee
- 2 Slowly raise leg to 45-degree angle, hold
- 3 Lower leg, but don't let it rest on floor
- 4 Hold leg above floor with knee straight, toes pointing up
- 5 Repeat, then switch legs

Hamstring lifts

- 1 Bend knee, point toe
- 2 Slowly raise as high as possible; keep hips level
- 3 Lower leg, but don't let knee touch floor
- 4 Repeat, then switch legs



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Healthy Living

A better barbecue

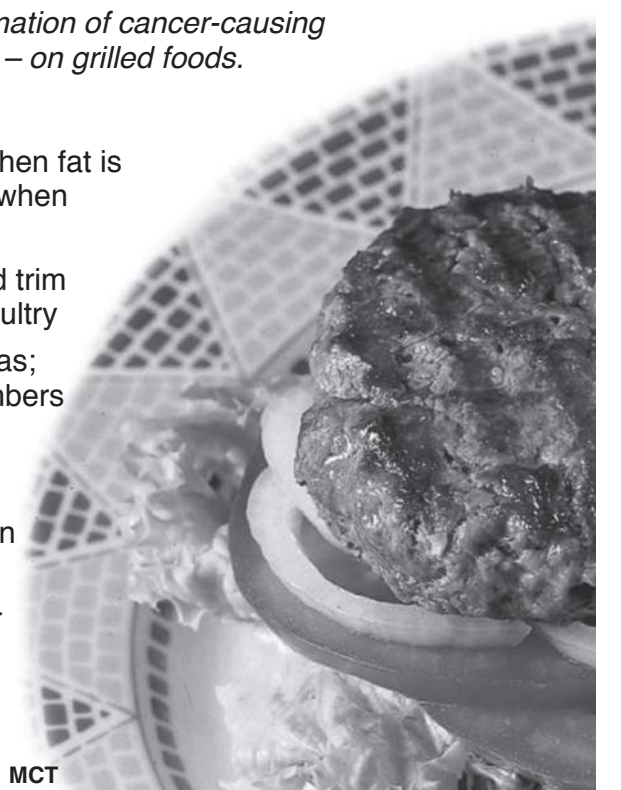
Some tips for reducing the formation of cancer-causing substances – HCAs and PAHs – on grilled foods.

Lean and clean

- HCAs and PAHs are formed when fat is heated to high temperatures or when smoke is created by burning fat
- Use only lean cuts of meat and trim excess fat; remove skin from poultry
- Cook over low flame if using gas; wait until charcoal is glowing embers
- Avoid flare-ups that burn food; scrape off any charred bits
- Keep the grill clean; build-up on the grill produces HCAs, PAHs
- Use marinades with olive oil or citrus juices, which curtail the formation of the chemicals

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Life & Style

Retweet, sexting enter Oxford English Dictionary

LONDON (AP)—Woot! The online expression of enthusiasm is now in the dictionary. So are textspeak, sexting—and, less happily, cyberbullying.

They are among 400 new entries in the 12th edition of

the Concise Oxford English Dictionary, published this month.

Another newcomer to the reference book's 24,000 entries is retweet—to repost another Twitter user's message.

Editor Angus Stevenson revealed some of the new entries in a blog post Thursday.

Some of the new words describe forms of behavior and communication created by technology. There's cy-

berbullying, a form of online abuse, and textspeak, the abbreviated language used in cell phone messages. And, of course, sexting—sending explicit photos or messages by mobile phone.

Less high-tech new entries include jeggings—a jeans-leggings hybrid popular with some and considered a fashion crime by others—and mankini, a sling-style bathing suit made infamous by comic character Borat.

Stevenson said the latest edition also added new meanings for existing words like friend and follower to reflect their new online uses. A friend is no longer just an intimate acquaintance, but also “a contact on a social networking website.”

Unlike the 20-volume Oxford English Dictionary, the concise

edition was founded to include modern and slang terms as they enter common use. Its first edition in 1911 featured the then-new words aeroplane, motorist and flapper.

Stevenson said the new additions “are just carrying on the tradition of a dictionary that has always sought to be progressive and up to date.”

Earlier this year compilers admitted hundreds of new words to the vast Oxford English Dictionary, including the Internet abbreviations OMG, “Oh My God”; LOL, “laughing out loud”; and IMHO, “in my humble opinion.”

Miss. judge asked to reconsider ‘The Help’ lawsuit

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—An African American housekeeper wants a judge to reinstate a lawsuit that claims Kathryn Stockett, author of the bestselling novel-turned-movie “The Help,” used her likeness without permission.

“The Help” is based on relationships between white families in Mississippi and the black women who worked for them in the 1960s. It was made into a movie that opened last week, debuting at No. 2 nationwide and bringing in \$26 million.

Ablene Cooper, who works for Stockett's brother, claims a character in the book, Aibileen, was based on her likeness. Her lawsuit seeks \$75,000 in damages.

Hinds County Circuit Judge Tommie Green ruled Tuesday that a one-year statute of limitations elapsed between the time Stockett gave Cooper a copy of the book in January 2009 and the time of the lawsuit's filing in February of this year.

Cooper's lawyer, Edward Sanders, filed a motion for reconsideration on Wednesday, saying the clock should not have started ticking on the statute of limitations until Cooper read the book in the summer of

2010. Sanders argued that Cooper didn't read it sooner because Stockett said in a handwritten note that, despite the similarity in names, the character wasn't based on Cooper.

Sanders submitted to the court a copy of the handwritten letter along with his motion for reconsideration.

In the letter, Stockett says she only met Cooper a few times, but was thankful she worked for the writer's brother because his kids love her so much. The letter was sent to Cooper with a copy of “The Help,” court records said.

“One of the main characters, and my favorite character, is an African American child carer named Aibileen,” the letter said. “Although the spelling is different from yours, and the character was born in 1911, I felt I needed to reach out and tell you that the character isn't based on you in any way.”

The letter goes on to say the book is “purely fiction” and inspired by Stockett's relationship with “Demetrie, who looked after us and we loved dearly.” The letter is referring to Demetrie McLorn, the Stockett family's housekeeper, who died when the author was

a teenager.

An affidavit that accompanies the letter said Cooper knows Stockett, has kept her child before, and had no reason not to trust her.

Stockett was not in court this week in Jackson—the same city where the book is set—when

the lawsuit was dismissed.

Cooper was in court and was obviously upset by the ruling. She wiped away tears leaving the courtroom and launched into a tirade outside the courthouse.

“She's a liar. She did it. She knows she did it,” Cooper screamed.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF †BRIGIDO S. HERNANDEZ

Lovingly known as “Brigs”

January 19, 1936 - August 18, 2011

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: *Arsenia D. Hernandez*

Children: *Nory D. Hernandez (Shani Pearl & McKnight [Kolby & Shayane], Otto Owen, Krystal Erin, Kayla Kirby, Tyler Matthew Sally H. & Perry J. Caccac (Nigel Perry) Ramon D. & Julie A. Hernandez (John Ray, Jerol & TJ [Summer & AJ], Jilian Roby & Michael Jay*

Glenda H. & Ric R. Mendiola (Ashley Nicole, Rico Richard & Ryan)

Cora D. Hernandez (Cameren Kyle)

Brothers & Sisters:

Ofring and Berto & Family (Philippines)

Carlito and Family

Rosie & Family (Philippines)

Orlando and Ana & Family (Canada)

Boy and Lydia & Family (Philippines)

Jess and Zeny & Family

Anita and Julio & Family (Philippines)

Roger and Susan & Family

Lily and Ver & Family (San Diego)

Flor and Danny & Family

He is additionally survived by his numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Mass of intention is being celebrated everyday at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am until August 26, 2011.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, August 26, 2011. His remains will be escorted from Nuestra Senora Dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church at 7:30am. Responso service will be at 8:00am followed by Holy Rosary at 8:15am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am followed by interment service at Santuario Paz Memorial Gardens in Kagman, Saipan where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Please Join Us In Prayers

Sen D. Hernandez, Children and Families.



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In this Aug. 16, 2011 file photo, Ablene Cooper, a woman who works for the brother of author Kathryn Stockett, and her son Antonio Cooper, leave the Hinds County Courthouse in Jackson, Miss., expressing her disappointment that a circuit judge dismissed her lawsuit against the author of “The Help” because a statute of limitations issue.

Kardashian, Humphries wed in TV-friendly ceremony



In this Aug. 17, 2011 file photo, reality TV personality Kim Kardashian, right, and her fiancé, NBA basketball player Kris Humphries, arrive at the Kardashian Kollection launch party in Los Angeles.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—Kris Humphries has officially caught up with Kim Kardashian. The basketball pro and the reality star are husband and wife.

Kardashian, 30, and Humphries, 26, tied the knot Saturday night in the exclusive Montecito area near Santa Barbara, Calif., Kardashian publicist Jill Fritzo told People magazine and E!

The ceremony will be televised as a two-part special on E! in October.

It is the first marriage for Humphries, who last played for the NBA's New Jersey Nets, and the second for Kardashian, star of E!'s "Keeping Up with the Kardashians." She was married to music producer Damon Thomas from 2000 to 2004.

Jackson doctor asks to sequester jury during trial

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The doctor charged in Michael Jackson's death has asked a judge to sequester jurors in the physician's upcoming involuntary manslaughter trial, citing coverage of the Casey Anthony case and the threat of information leaks on social media.

The filing Thursday by attorneys for Dr. Conrad Murray said information from those sources could interfere with the right of Dr. Conrad Murray to receive a fair trial.

It cited the increased ratings for HLN and commentator Nancy Grace, who featured the Anthony case on her show on a nightly basis and believed An-

thony was guilty.

It also said her show and others are likely to include discussions of Murray's case that aren't limited to testimony or evidence presented in the courtroom, along with expert commentary and information.

Jurors will be prohibited from accessing those media reports, but the defense fears the coverage will be so pervasive that exposure to some of that information is unavoidable.

"There is sincere danger that a well-meaning juror will be more impressed with an 'expert' on television than one presented by the parties at trial," the filing states.

a white bow tie, all designed by Ermenegildo Zegna.

Kardashian and Humphries began dating late last year and announced their engagement in May. He proposed on bended knee with a 20.5-carat ring by spelling out "Will you marry me?" in rose petals.

Since the couple's engagement, the pending nuptials have provided constant fodder for the media and the Kardashians, who posted updates about the wedding on their blogs and websites.

The waves of hype that preceded the ceremony didn't seem to faze the bride. Earlier this week, Kardashian said she was "totally calm" about the much-hyped ceremony.

"I think that freak-out moment kind of already passed," she said at a party Wednesday to launch her new clothing line at Sears.

Jerry Lewis: Saving lives through MDA was honor

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Jerry Lewis said Saturday that his years of service to the Muscular Dystrophy Association helped make him a star, but he didn't provide details on his recent departure as the group's national chairman.

In his first public appearance since the breakup, Lewis accepted a lifetime achievement award from the Nevada Broadcasters Association, saying that he made his reputation in show business by saving lives.

"I made my reputation in this business caring for what I did, caring for the people that I did it for," said Lewis, who donned a red foam clown nose at one point

Eric Benet celebrates new marriage and film

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY
AP MUSIC WRITER

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Eric Benet has had a few minor acting roles ("Glitter," anyone?), but typically, they did not require too much heavy lifting on his part.

So when he was offered the lead as a single father of a young girl for the new GMC film "Trinity Goodheart," Benet knew he had to get serious, even though the movie had parallels to his own life. (He reared his 19-year-old daughter as a single dad after her mother passed away.)

"This was the first time when I did more than just memorize my lines. This was the first time that I actually worked with an acting coach. Some of the scenes in 'Trinity Goodheart' called for emotional moments," he said during a recent interview. "I really wanted those emotions to ring true."

The movie is about a girl who tries to bring both sides of her family together after years of fighting. In real life, Benet, 40, is experiencing familial bliss: He recently married longtime girlfriend Manuela Testolini, and beams with pride over his daughter India, a budding singer who attends the University of Southern California. He says he also is looking forward to becoming a new father.

In a recent interview, Benet—who wed on July 31 and postponed his honeymoon to promote the movie—talked about the film, which debuts Saturday, and his new marriage.

AP: This movie seems like it's close to your life. Did that attract you to the role?

Benet: This was my first time doing a male lead in a movie. It would ease my burden of trying to carry a movie if I had a script that was so similar to my life and my life experiences. It was one of the aspects of the movie that really attracted me, and the other aspect was how it was so beautifully written. ... It



In this June 26, 2011 file photo, singer Eric Benet, left, and Manuela Testolini arrive at the BET Awards in Los Angeles.

just all resonated really strongly for me.

AP: How do you think you've grown as an actor?

Benet: I don't know what kind of grade to give myself, but I can grade how I feel about the job that I did when I see it. It feels like an honest portrayal and one of the things I feel like, to portray a convincing role in acting, is you have to build layers to a character. So some of the things I did with my acting coach was just that. We had to create a whole back story to this character that isn't necessarily in the script. ... There were some emotional places that I needed to get to, and this is all very new to me.

AP: What's next for you in acting?

Benet: This was such an enjoyable experience, and it's being received very well. (But) ... I got my day gig. I'm going to keep making music. ... I can just take my time and pick the things that really resonate strongly with me; that I would

really like to sink my teeth into.

AP: This is your second marriage (he famously wed and divorced Halle Berry). What have you learned?

Benet: Marriage is one of those things, like having a baby. You may think you're ready, but nobody is really completely ready for everything that it's gonna bring to the table, and I just feel like I'm so much wiser and more attentive and more communicative about what's going on with me emotionally than I was 10 years ago, and so far in my relationship with my wife, it's been like night and day.

AP: You both have famous exes (his wife was previously married to Prince). With your new marriage, do you try harder to keep it out of the public eye because of that?

Benet: I think primarily we just want to make it about she and I, and the exes never factor into the equation. It's all about us and as little as we possibly can share, keep our private as private as we possibly can.

Body art and topless model draw crowd in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—Times Square used to be known for its seedy peep shows.

There was skin on display again Friday, but this time in the name of art.

Painter Andy Golub caused a stir when he had a 23-year-old

model undress and began slathering paint on her body.

It is legal for women to go topless in the city, but the New York Port reports that police stepped in and asked Golub to do something about the large crowd.

The woman put on a sports

bra, and Golub kept painting.

It was his second try at putting on the performance. He was charged with public lewdness in July after having two models take off all their clothes. He avoided trouble this time by having model Marla Mera wear a G-string.

O'Donnell: Piers Morgan's questions were 'creepy'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former U.S. Senate candidate Christine O'Donnell says she walked off Piers Morgan's CNN show because of what she described as his "very inappropriate, creepy line of questioning."

The Delaware Republican said Friday on NBC's "Today" show that she wanted to stop the "borderline sexual harassment that was going on."

O'Donnell had been invited to appear on Morgan's show Wednesday to promote her new book. Morgan asked her during the interview whether she still believes masturbation is wrong and supports total abstinence. O'Donnell has made comments in the past about opposing masturbation.

Afterward, O'Donnell became angry when Morgan asked her if she supported gay marriage. She said Morgan was "borderline being a little bit rude."



O'Donnell

Oasis singer Liam Gallagher suing his brother

LONDON (AP)—One of music's most famous family feuds is headed for the courts.

Oasis singer Liam Gallagher said Friday he is suing his estranged brother and former bandmate, Noel, for saying his hangover forced the rumbunctious Brit rockers to cancel a concert.

Bad blood between the brothers has made headlines ever since Oasis burst to fame in 1994 with debut album "Definitely Maybe."

When Noel left the band in

2009 he said it was because he couldn't work "a day longer" with his brother.

Liam is disputing comments Noel made last month alleging that Liam pulled out of the 2009 V Festival due to a hangover.

Liam said in a statement he wants an apology and for Oasis fans "to know the truth" about what happened—laryngitis prevented him from performing the gig.

He also took issue with his brother's claim that "the demise of Oasis followed a mas-

sive row in which he claimed I demanded to advertise my clothing range Pretty Green in the Oasis tour program."

"The truth is there was no such discussion or row between us. There are many reasons why Oasis split. But it had nothing to do with my clothing range."

"This is not about money," he added. "All I want is a full apology from Noel."

Liam Gallagher's spokesman confirmed the singer had issued a writ at the High Court in London against his brother.

8 nominees up for International Emmys for news

NEW YORK (AP)—Television productions that took viewers inside a Somali pirate stronghold and a Taliban unit fighting in Afghanistan were among the nominees for International Emmy awards in the current affairs and news categories.

The eight nominees from six countries and the United Nations include "Unter Piraten" on Germany's Infonetwork GmbH in the current affairs category and Britain's "Sky News Live at Five: Inside the Taliban" in the news category.

Brazil had two nominations—Discovery Networks Latin America's "The Assas-

sination of Jean Charles Menezes" (current affairs), about the fatal shooting of a Brazilian immigrant mistaken for a suicide bomber in London, and TV Globo's "Jornal Nacional: War on Drugs" (news), about a November 2010 raid by security forces on a drug dealer's stronghold in Rio de Janeiro.

There were also first-time nominations for the United Nations in current affairs for UNTV's "21st Century: Cambodia—A Quest for Justice" on the international tribunal trying perpetrators of the Khmer Rouge reign of terror, and for Iceland in news for "RUV

News: Volcano Eruption at Eyjafjallajökull" about the impact caused by the massive 2010 volcanic eruption.

The other nominees announced Thursday by the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences were Japan's NHK for "Back from the Brink: Inside the Chilean Mine Disaster" (current affairs) and "TV Patrol: Manila Hostage Crisis" by the Philippines' ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp. covering an August 2010 hostage drama in which eight Hong Kong tourists were killed after their tour bus was hijacked by a disgruntled former police officer.

New mom insists that grandma leave her barking 'baby' home

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are expecting our first child in a few months, and my mother, who lives out of state, will be flying in to help with the new baby. This will be her first grandchild.

Mom adopted a small indoor dog about a month ago. "Trixie" is pint-sized, but she has a loud, high-pitched bark and she barks often. When Mom told me she plans to bring Trixie with her, I expressed concern that the constant barking will wake the baby and everyone else. I am also concerned about dander in the nursery from Trixie's long hair.

I asked Mom to leave Trixie home with my father, but she said she just adopted her and doesn't want her to feel abandoned. I wouldn't mind her bringing Trixie on future visits, just not while we're adjusting to a new baby.

Am I being selfish to ask my mother to keep the dog at home when she comes to visit?

GET ME OUT OF THE DOGHOUSE

DEAR DOGHOUSE: By the time your baby arrives, Trixie should have adjusted to both of your parents and should not feel abandoned if one of them leaves for a short while. Your needs and the needs of your household should take precedence over the needs of your mother's dog, and you are not being selfish to insist upon it.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married 24 years to a great guy. For the first time I am struggling with feelings of jealousy. My husband has begun a friendship with a female co-worker who is also married. They exchange emails, text messages and phone calls. They get together socially occasionally and have exchanged birthday and holiday gifts.

There's nothing "wrong" with what they're doing, and I feel my husband has the right to be friends with whomever he chooses. He loves me and treats me well. I don't want to feel or act like a crazy, jealous wife. But I have a hard time when I see how he enjoys his fun new friend—who, by the way, is young and great looking. How can I overcome my jealousy?

OLD BALL AND CHAIN

DEAR O.B. AND C.: I'm not sure you should. If your husband had a female friend from work he had lunch with occasionally, I wouldn't be concerned. But emails, texts, phone calls and exchanging gifts seems excessive. Tell him his relationship with his "fun new friend" is making you uncomfortable and you need it toned down because you feel it's a threat to your marriage. If he cares about your feelings, he should pay attention to what you're saying.

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DEAR ABBY: As a former paramedic and also a food allergy sufferer, I'm acutely aware of the problems caused by this condition. Food allergies vary widely and are not limited to common ones—nuts, shellfish, gluten or strawberries. We know what we are allergic to, and we do our best to avoid those foods.

Sometimes it's difficult to tell what's in some tasty-looking dishes at potluck gatherings. An ingredient may be used only for seasoning, but sometimes just a trace of it is all it takes to trigger a reaction. That's why I have established a practice that has always been well-received. I print out a card to attach to the dish I brought. On it I name the dish and list the ingredients.

I hope you'll find this suggestion helpful enough to pass along. It could save a life.

JOE IN JANESVILLE, MINN.

DEAR JOE: You're right; it could—and that's why I'm printing it. I met a widow whose husband suffered an allergic reaction and died at a dinner party, despite the frantic efforts of several physicians who were also in attendance. Forewarned is forearmed.

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Bravo to edit 'Housewives' after Armstrong death

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bravo plans to re-edit "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills" after the death this week of the husband of one of the housewives.

"We have not made a decision to change our original premiere date but we are in the process of re-editing the show," said network president Frances Berwick.

The second season of the reality show that follows the lavish lifestyles of six women in Beverly Hills, Calif., is set to

premiere Sept. 5.

Russell Armstrong, the estranged husband of TV housewife Taylor Armstrong, was found dead Monday of hanging. No suicide note was found.

The couple's marital troubles were a central storyline of the first season of the show and that was set to continue for season two. A copy of the season-premiere episode filmed months ago and provided to press last week showed Taylor Armstrong crying and sharing with the other housewives that she and her

husband were going to counseling. She was also shown shopping for lingerie to help spice up the marriage.

Taylor Armstrong filed for divorce on July 15. Russell Armstrong had yet to respond to her petition.

Berwick did not specify how the show would change.

AP

In this Feb. 5, 2011 file photo, television personality Taylor Armstrong, left, and husband Russell Armstrong attend a Super Bowl party in Dallas, Texas.



SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Broadway actor who had teen sex drops US show

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Broadway actor James Barbour is leaving a San Diego production of "The Rocky Horror Show" days after it was revealed that he had sexual contact with a 15-year-old girl. On his Facebook page, the 45-year-old actor says he's leaving because of unexpected issues with his wife's pregnancy. She's expecting their second child in October. Barbour was to play the lead in the "Rocky Horror" musical, which opens next month at the Old Globe theater. No replacement has been cast. After Barbour's hiring was announced last week, San Diego news outlets reported that in 2008 he pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor counts of endangering the welfare of a child. Barbour acknowledged he had sexual contact with a 15-year-old he met in 2001 during his Broadway run in "Jane Eyre."

Actress Estella Warren pleads no contest to DUI

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A judge has ordered actress Estella Warren to serve four months in a residential rehab facility after she entered a no contest plea in a drunken driving case on Friday. Los Angeles city attorney's spokesman Frank Mateljan says Warren was also sentenced to serve five years of informal probation. The "Planet of the Apes" actress had been facing four misdemeanor charges after her arrest earlier this year for crashing into three parked cars and tussling with police. The 32-year-old was previously convicted of drunken driving in 2007. Mateljan says Warren a hearing will be held on Oct. 7 to determine if Warren must pay any restitution. She starred opposite Mark Wahlberg in Tim Burton's 2001 version of "Planet of the Apes" and has also worked as a fashion model.

'Big Lebowski' made available for rent on Facebook

NEW YORK (AP)—The Dude abides, even on Facebook. Universal Pictures has announced that "The Big Lebowski" is available for rent on the social network. Viewers can purchase a 48-hour rental window to the 1998 Coen brothers comedy for 30 Facebook credits or \$3. The digital release launches Universal's Social Theater application, which combines streaming movies with social media interaction. In recent months, studios have increasingly offered movies for rent on Facebook, eager to capitalize on its large network of users. Warner Bros. has offered "The Dark Knight," and Paramount has released the "Jackass" films. The cast of "The Big Lebowski" reunited Tuesday for the annual LebowskiFest in New York.

Lawsuit: Bastianich forced chef to be caretaker

NEW YORK (AP)—A chef from Italy is accusing TV chef Lidia Bastianich of tricking her into working round-the-clock caring for an elderly friend. Maria Carmela Farina has filed a \$5 million lawsuit in Manhattan. Her lawyer, Paul Catsandonis, tells the New York Daily News that Bastianich handled Farina's immigration papers and promised her a \$600-a-week kitchen job. The lawsuit says Farina was led to believe she'd be preparing dishes for Bastianich's television shows. Instead, Farina says she was forced to work as a personal live-in assistant to Bastianich's aging friend from 2006 until he died in December at age 105. A Bastianich spokeswoman didn't return calls for comment. Catsandonis said Farina wasn't paid for years of work and is destitute.

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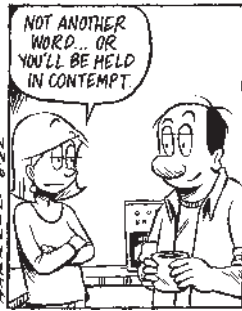
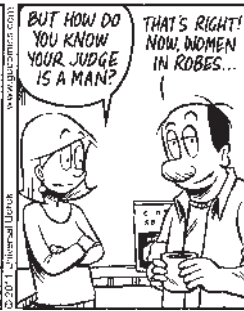
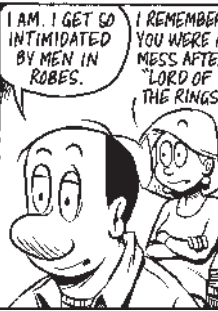


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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Reason to scratch
5 Droop
8 "Arrive-derci, —"
12 "Scat, gnat!"
13 Okla-homa city
14 Dutch cheese
15 Admonition to Nanette
16 Popular board game
18 Cold, treeless terrain
20 Folklore figures
21 Part mine, part yours
23 Consumed
24 Obelisk, e.g.
28 Use a swizzle stick
31 Paid athlete
32 Continental money
34 Historic period
35 Mannered man

DOWN

1 "— that cute?"
2 Biblical pronoun
3 Mass. neighbor
4 Hex
5 Metal used in magnets
6 Com-motion
7 Group of hoodlums
8 Moves a fern, maybe
9 Device measuring distance traveled
10 Having XY chromosomes
11 Poehler and Adams
17 — shoe-string
19 Regula-tion
22 Razor sharpener
24 Gasoline stat
25 Raw rock
26 Baloney
27 Award winners
29 A Gersh-win
30 Aries
33 Unaccompanied
36 Addition-ally
38 — Gate Bridge
40 Candle material
42 Mosque VIP
43 Com-poser Porter
44 Young female
46 Old Italian money
47 Smell
48 Inquisitive
50 Pair on stage

Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 8-22

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kristen Wiig, 38; Ty Burrell, 44; Cindy Williams, 64; Valerie Harper, 72.

Happy Birthday: Rely on whom and what you know. You can get ahead if you are diligent about your work and proactive in completing what you start. Avoid people who are aggressive and unpredictable. You will do best if you are surrounded with people who are following the same path as you. Your numbers are 3, 12, 19, 25, 31, 36, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Say what's on your mind and enforce your true feelings if you want to find solutions. You will gain respect by being honest. Opposition may follow, but if you are well prepared, nothing will stand in your way. Love is on the rise. Enjoy the moment. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may feel like showing off your independence, but you are likely to come across as being erratic. Before you start spouting off about your plans, make sure you have gone over them carefully. You don't have to impress someone you love; just be yourself. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The stars will help you cross barriers that have been closed in the past. Don't put up with someone's negativity; positive thought and action are what is required. A development regarding a creative project or a personal partner will be beneficial. Make home improvements and invest in you. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on the present and the future so you don't get left behind. Listen and respond to

anyone who has something to offer. Recognizing a good thing when you hear or see it will help you get ahead. Avoid taking on someone else's burden. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are positioned well. Do your thing and show everyone around you that you mean business. Call in favors and ask for the assistance you need to follow through with your plans. Don't be afraid to step into the spotlight at events. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Listen, but decipher what's being said before you react. Your sensitivity will get in the way of good judgment. Your uncertainty will show, and constructive criticism can help keep you from making a terrible mistake. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stand up and be counted. You will gather a following by expressing sound solutions. Your ability to turn something ordinary into something spectacular will add to your popularity. Now is the time to discuss the changes you want to make. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Getting involved in a joint venture will take away from what you want to do. Invest in what you have to offer, not what someone else is doing. A change of status or personal problem will arise if you ignore the warning signals. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll want to have your finger in everyone's business. Although this can help you maintain control, it can also backfire if someone you love feels smothered. Communication is im-

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portant if you don't want to upset someone. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on family or loved ones. A deal that can boost your profits or change surroundings will be enticing, but make sure you have the approval of the people in your life that your decision will affect. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be forced to make a decision. Don't fear the inevitable. The sooner you move forward, the better off you'll be. Do what's right and best for you, and everything else will eventually fall into place. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Live and let live or you will face opposition. Now is not the time to let your emotions take over or to act on impulse. Chill and be observant; in due time you will be in the right position to make a genuinely good move. ★★

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By Dave Green

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By DAVID
QUELLET

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Solution: 7 letters

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Last Saturday's Answer: Wireless

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FINANCIAL AUDITS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. RF11-005

OPENING DATE: August 22, 2011 CLOSING DATE: September 21, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund is soliciting sealed proposals to perform a financial audit of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund (NIMRF), Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC), and Group Health and Life Insurance Trust Fund (GLITF) for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2011 and 2012. To receive the RFP package, you may mail, fax or e-mail your request to:

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The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in a proposal if doing so is the best interest of the Fund. All proposals shall become the property of the NMI Retirement Fund.

/s/ Richard S. Villagomez
Administrator

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION FOR BID IFB11-OHS-120-UPS

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 02, 2011 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“UNINTERRUPTABLE POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR THE SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT”

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP11-DCCA/HPO-119

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

“TO CONDUCT INTENSIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF SABANETTAN I TORU, SAIPAN, CNMI FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION”

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP11-OHS-123-EOC

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 07, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

“WORKSTATIONS AND FURNITURE FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER”

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A MANDATORY SITE VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE ON **AUGUST 25, 2011 AT 9:30 A.M.** AT THE CNMI'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER. FAILURE TO ATTEND THE MANDATORY SITE VISIT SHALL RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE OFFEROR.

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP11-DEQ-112

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

“PERFORMANCE OF 40-HOUR HAZARDOUS WASTE OPERATIONS EMERGENCY RESPONSE (HAZWOPER) “TRAIN THE TRAINER” COURSE FOR THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY”

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT IS AVAILABLE ON OR AFTER AUGUST 15, 2011 AT THE DEQ OFFICE OR CAN BE RECEIVED ELECTRONICALLY BY E-MAIL REQUEST TO raymasga@deq.gov.mp

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Procurement And Supply CNMI Government

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP11-OHS-129-EOC

Submission: September 07, 2011 Time: 2:00 P.M.

"AUDIO AND VISUAL FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER"

Copies of the RFP package may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply in Lower Base Drive, Saipan during regular working hours.

A mandatory site visit will take place on **August 25, 2011 at 1:00 P.M.** at the CNMI's Emergency Operations Center. Failure to attend the mandatory site visit shall result in the disqualification of prospective offeror.

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/s/ Marvin K. Seman
Special Assistant for Homeland Security

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, P&S

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS RFP11-OHS-116-VPN

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 07, 2011 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

“PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK FOR THE CNMI OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY”

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Houston Astros hand Giants third straight loss



HOUSTON (AP)—Jose Altuve hit an inside-the-park drive for his first major league home run, a leadoff shot that sent the Astros over the Giants.

Altuve had three hits and fellow rookie J.D. Martinez homered and drove in four runs as the Astros matched a season high with their fourth straight win.

Jordan Lyles (2-7) gave up two runs, both of them unearned, in five innings. Mark Melancon got two outs for his 13th save.

Madison Bumgarner (7-12) was tagged for seven runs and 11 hits in 6 2-3 innings. The Giants have lost three in a row and 16 of 22.

Brewers 11, Mets 9

In New York, Prince Fielder hit a long home run early and a key single in the ninth inning Saturday, spoiling the Mets' chances of a win against former closer Francisco Rodriguez and giving the Milwaukee Brewers an 11-9 victory over New York.

Casey McGehee followed Fielder's tying hit with a two-run single off Manny Acost, capping a four-run rally.

The Brewers blew a late 7-1 lead, but came back after Angel Pagan hit a two-run homer off Rodriguez (5-2) in the eighth. Mets reliever Jason Isringhausen (3-3) couldn't get an out in the ninth and left after a bases-loaded walk.

John Axford pitched the ninth for his 37th save.

Rockies 7, Dodgers 6, 13 innings

In Denver, Dexter Fowler atoned for a crucial mistake by hitting an RBI single with two outs that gave the Rockies a win over the Dodgers.

Fowler misplayed a line drive by Trent Oletjen into an inside-the-park homer in the 12th that gave Los Angeles a 6-4 lead.

But Fowler led off the bottom half with a walk and scored when Todd Helton doubled on the 15th pitch from Javy Guerra. Helton, who earlier homered on his 38th birthday, helped set up a tying grounder by pinch-hitter Eliezer Alfonzo.

Mark Ellis hit a two-out double in the Colorado 13th and Fowler lined a single inside third base off Blake Hawksworth (2-4).

Pirates 5, Reds 3

In Pittsburgh, Neil Walker had two RBI singles, the second driving in Andrew McCutchen with the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, and the Pirates beat the Reds.

Walker's hit off Aroldis Chapman (2-1) was his third hit of the game, and Brandon Wood followed with an RBI double, allowing Pittsburgh to improve to 8-3 against the Reds this season.

Charlie Morton continued his mastery of Cincinnati with six effective innings, and McCutchen and Ryan Ludwick each had two hits for the Pirates, who have won three of five.

Joey Votto twice drove in Brandon Phillips with RBI singles for the Reds, who have lost four of six. Phillips reached base four times.

Braves 8, Diamondbacks 1

In Atlanta, Dan Uggla homered twice and drove in three runs, Brandon Beachy



San Francisco Giants shortstop Mike Fontenot, top, tags out Houston Astros' Jose Altuve (27) on a steal attempt during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011, in Houston.

gave up only one run in six innings and the Braves continued to feast on the top teams in the NL West by beating the Diamondbacks.

Uggla's two-run homer in the first gave Atlanta the lead. Uggla and Freddie Freeman hit back-to-back homers in the seventh.

After winning three of four from San Francisco, the Braves have won the first two games of the weekend series against the first-place Diamondbacks. Arizona has lost four straight.

Martin Prado had three hits, walked and drove in a run for Atlanta.

Phillies 5, Nationals 0

In Washington, Roy Oswalt pitched eight-hit ball for eight innings, Wilson Valdez and Jimmy Rollins each drove in two runs and Hunter Pence homered to lead the Phillies over the Nationals.

Oswalt was supposed to start for the Phillies on Friday night, but after torrential rain arrived in the first inning, the game was delayed by 2 hours, 22 minutes, and he was scratched.

The Phillies, winners for the 81st time this year, scored twice in the fourth and three times in the sixth as Oswalt (6-7) struck out nine—the most since joining Philadelphia last July. He walked one and had runners on in every inning but the second and third.

Michael Stutes worked the ninth to complete the Phillies' 15th shutout of the season.

Cubs 3, Cardinals 0

In Chicago, Matt Garza pitched seven sharp innings, Aramis Ramirez homered and the Cubs beat the Cardinals.

Garza (6-9) scattered five hits, struck out eight and won at Wrigley Field for the first time since June 27.

Sean Marshall, Kerry Wood and Carlos Marmol finished off the shut-

out. Marmol earned his 29th save in 37 chances.

Ramirez's two-run homer highlighted a three-run burst in the fourth off Edwin Jackson (2-2). Jackson allowed five hits in seven innings after leaving his last start with a right hamstring cramp.

Padres 14, Marlins 1

In San Diego, Orlando Hudson homered and drove in four runs, Nick Hundley also homered in going 4 for 4 and the Padres romped past the Marlins.

Hudson connected for a three-run shot in the first. One pitch later, Kyle Blanks homered into the second deck of the brick Western Metals Supply Co. building in the left field.

Hundley's two-run drive came in the sixth. San Diego finished with 16 hits and beat the Marlins for the sixth straight time this season, outscoring them 44-11 in that span.

Florida has lost 14 of 16 overall.

Tigers 10, Indians 1

In Detroit, Brandon Inge homered in his return to the Tigers lineup and Detroit went on to rout the Cleveland Indians 10-1 on Saturday night.

Inge was designated for assignment in July, a move that many expected to end his 11-year career. He accepted a demotion to Triple-A Toledo, though, and hit well enough for the Mud Hens to earn a surprising recall.

Inge homered in his first at-bat and hit a 400-foot RBI double in his second as the Tigers increased their AL Central lead to 3 1/2 games. He hadn't had two extra-base hits in a game since August 20, 2010—exactly a year earlier.

Alex Avila, catching his 14th straight game, went 2-2 with three walks. He's hitting .442 with a .567 on-base per-

centage in August.

Royals 9, Red Sox 4

In Kansas City, Alex Gordon and Eric Hosmer each drove in two runs in an eight-run sixth inning to help the Royals rally to beat the Red Sox, depriving Tim Wakefield (notes) of his 200th victory.

Wakefield, who is 0-2 with three no-decisions since a July 24 triumph over Seattle, took a 4-1 lead into the sixth, but failed to get out of the inning. He was pulled after giving up three consecutive hits with one out and the Red Sox holding onto a 4-3 advantage.

Gordon's two-run double off Matt Albers (4-4) put the Royals up 6-4. Hosmer's two-run triple off Franklin Morales capped off the scoring.

White Sox 3, Rangers 2

In Chicago, Alex Rios entered the game when Carlos Quentin was injured in the first inning then hit a go-ahead double in the eighth, giving the White Sox a victory over the Rangers to snap a three-game skid.

Brent Lillibridge came in to pinch-run after Paul Konerko's one-out single. Rios ripped a full-count pitch from Koji Uehara (1-3) down the left field line to score home Lillibridge.

Jesse Crain (8-3) put two runners on in the eighth but got Nelson Cruz (notes) to fly out to right field to end the threat.

Sergio Santos worked the ninth for his 26th save in 30 chances.

Rays 8, Mariners 0

In Florida, Jeremy Hellickson allowed six hits over eight sharp innings, Evan Longoria hit his 20th homer of the season and the Rays beat the Mariners.

Longoria finished with four RBIs, including a two-run homer in the first. He

joined Hall of Famer Eddie Mathews as the only major league third basemen to have 20 or more homers in each of their first four seasons.

Hellickson (11-8) was coming off the shortest start of his 32-game career, a 9-2 loss last Saturday to the New York Yankees in which the rookie gave up four runs and eight hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Joel Peralta pitched the ninth and completed a seven-hitter for the Rays, who have won nine of 11 and improved to a season-high 12-games over .500 (68-56).

Twins 9, Yankees 4

In Minneapolis, A.J. Burnett lost his composure and failed to finish the second inning, when the Twins scored five times on their way to a victory over the Yankees.

Francisco Liriano (9-9) threw seven stellar innings for the Twins, who played like they were taking a decade's worth of frustration out against their nemesis. This was just their 20th win in 81 games against the Yankees over the last 10 seasons, including the playoffs.

Burnett (9-10) was the one who was bummed out on this night, though, so much so that he turned his head while skulking off the mound and angrily shouted what appeared to be a few curse words toward manager Joe Girardi after he took the ball from the lanky right-hander. Girardi was later shown on TV tracking Burnett down in the tunnel to the clubhouse and ushering him back to the bench.

Athletics 5, Blue Jays 1

In Oakland, Gio Gonzalez pitched eight stellar innings for his first win in more than a month, and the Athletics beat the Blue Jays.

Brandon Allen had two hits and scored the go-ahead run on a double play in the fourth inning while Josh Willingham homered as part of a three-run eighth for Oakland, which has won four of five at home after getting swept in a four-game series by Texas.

Eric Thames had two hits and scored the only run for Toronto, which played without slugger Jose Bautista. Bautista, who leads the majors with 35 home runs, was a late scratch with tightness in his neck.

One day after Rich Harden and Andrew Bailey combined on a three-hitter, Gonzalez (10-11) and Bailey nearly duplicated it. The duo allowed only four hits and teamed up to retire 25 of the final 27 Toronto batters.

Angels 9, Orioles 8, 12 innings

In Anaheim, Bobby Abreu hit a bases-loaded sacrifice fly to cap a three-run 12th inning and give the Angels a victory over the Orioles.

The Orioles took an 8-6 lead in the top of the 12th before Kevin Gregg (0-2) gave up a leadoff single to Erick Aybar in the bottom half and hit rookie Mike Trout. Hank Conger laid down a sacrifice bunt to third baseman Josh Bell, whose wild throw allowed Aybar to score.

Bell then made a diving stop on Peter Bourjos' grounder in the hole, checked the runner at third and threw too late to get the speedy Bourjos. Gregg walked Alberto Callaspo to force in the tying run and Troy Patton gave up Abreu's scoring fly to deep center on a 1-1 pitch.

Cardinals, Fitzgerald agree to \$120 million deal



AP
In this photo taken Aug. 11, 2011, Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald (11) smiles in the first quarter of an NFL preseason football game against the Oakland Raiders in Oakland, Calif. The Cardinals and Fitzgerald have agreed to an eight-year deal that could pay the star receiver as much as \$120 million, making it one of the richest deals in the NFL.

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP)—The Arizona Cardinals and Larry Fitzgerald have agreed to an eight-year deal that could pay the star receiver as much as \$120 million, making it one of the richest deals in the NFL.

Fitzgerald and team president Michael Bidwill appeared at a hastily called news conference Saturday night to announce the agreement.

Fitzgerald insisted he “hates this part of sports,” but he certainly has made a boatload of money. This is the third major contract he has signed, and he doesn’t turn 28 until Aug. 31.

“Growing up, since I was 7 years old, this has been the game I love and something I have been so passionate about,” Fitzgerald said, “and to have to talk about it on the business side is a little bit uncomfortable. But I am really happy to put it behind us and it wouldn’t be possible if it wasn’t for the Bidwill family’s hard work in making this thing happen.”

The Cardinals had said they wanted Fitzgerald’s new contract wrapped up by the start of the regular season, and they made it with two weeks to spare.

Bidwill, son of the team’s owner Bill Bidwill, said the Cardinals’ intent is to have Fitzgerald retire as a Cardinal “but not anytime soon.”

Fitzgerald, the third overall pick in the 2004 draft at the age of 19, spoke of the opportunity to spend his entire career with one team.

“It is an honor,” he said. “I am so fortunate. Not many players have that opportunity but Michael has allowed me that opportunity and I just want to repay him with great effort and winning. That is what is important.”

The 6-foot-3, 218 pound receiver has become the franchise’s career leader in receptions with 613 and needs just 294 yards to surpass Roy Green for career yards receiving. In Arizona’s surprise run to the Super Bowl in the 2008 season, Fitzgerald shattered most of the NFL playoff receiving records.

Fitzgerald has topped 1,000 yards receiving in five of his seven NFL seasons, including the last four. He caught 90 passes for 1,137 yards last season even though Arizona had one of the worst offenses in the league while struggling to a 5-11 record, in large part because of poor quarterback play in the wake of the retirement of Kurt Warner.

While Fitzgerald said he never insisted the team make a big move for a quarterback—“I am not anyone to hold a hammer over anyone’s head”—the Cardinals traded for Kevin Kolb

from the Philadelphia Eagles, then signed him to a five-year, \$63 million contract, with \$21

Simpson leads by 2 shots at Wyndham

GREENSBORO, North Carolina (AP)—Even during a rough start, Webb Simpson never lost his cool, and was rewarded with a 6-under 64 on Saturday that gave him a two-stroke lead heading into the final round of the Wyndham Championship.

The local favorite moved to 15-under 195 for the tournament, and was well positioned for his first PGA Tour win.

The 26-year-old North Carolina native had four birdies and an eagle during his late charge at the final event before the playoffs start next week.

“You’ve got to really stay patient around this golf course, because bogeys are pretty quick to happen out here with the rough and the undulating greens,” Simpson said. “I told myself to be patient and let the birdies come. It took them a while to get there, but (he) finally made a few coming in.”

Tommy Gainey (69), who led or shared the lead after each of the first two rounds, was 13 under.

Carl Pettersson (63) and John Mallinger (65) were 12 under. Daniel Summerhays (68) was 11 under, and Billy Horschel (66), Charles Howell III (66),

million guaranteed. Fitzgerald, who organized team workouts during the lockout, had a practice session with Kolb long before the trade.

Fitzgerald will be under contract to the Cardinals through the 2018 season. It is not known whether the deal

contains the kind of terms that gave him huge leverage over the team under its current deal—specifically a ban on making him a franchise player and a no-trade clause.

The contract could have widespread ramifications around the NFL, particularly

in the case of running back Chris Johnson, who is holding out for a new deal with the Tennessee Titans.

Johnson tweeted “congratulations to (at)LarryFitzgerald god is good” and Fitzgerald responded with “thanks CJ you up next my guy.”

Manning doesn’t plan to play in preseason games

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Peyton Manning still thinks he can be ready for the Indianapolis Colts’ regular-season opener.

The rest of the preseason appears to be out.

Manning said Saturday he will use the next two weeks to get healthy from offseason neck surgery, a timeline that could put his streak of 227 consecutive starts in jeopardy.

“I certainly want to be out there, and it’s hard to keep track of the hours I’ve spent in rehab,” he said. “I was short-changed a little bit by the lockout and I’m going to need every bit of the next two weeks, and then I can give you more of an update with where I am.”

The only four-time MVP in NFL history spoke at halftime of Saturday’s second high school football game at Lucas Oil Stadium. The annual tripleheader is hosted by the PeyBack Foundation, Manning’s charity.

He underwent neck surgery in May to repair a nerve and has been on the Colts’ physically unable to perform list since the start of training camp.

While Colts coach Jim Caldwell hasn’t said when Manning might return to the practice

field, it’s clear there are concerns within the organization.

About 6 hours before Manning spoke, team owner Jim Irsay used his Twitter account to acknowledge there is a possibility the Colts will start the season without their No. 1 quarterback.

“We r evaluating the QB sitch,(hash)18 healing but we must 2 b prepared 4 early season possibility without him, defense has 2 pick it up,big time!” Irsay wrote.

Manning said he was unaware of Irsay’s comments because he had been busy rehabbing. He signed a five-year, \$90 million contract in July after the 4 1/2-month lockout ended.

The notion of not having Manning line up behind center will undoubtedly make Colts fans cringe and, until now, seemed inconceivable.

Since being the No. 1 overall pick in the 1998 draft, Manning has started all 208 regular-season games and 19 more in the playoffs, the second-longest streak for a quarterback in league history behind only Brett Favre.

But the recovery from the second operation on his neck

in 15 months, has been slower than expected.

“I have made progress, but I still have some work to do,” he said. “When I’m healthy enough, I’ll be able to play.”

The only other time one of his starts appeared to be in jeopardy was in 2008 when Manning needed two operations to remove an infected bursa sac from his left knee. He missed all of training camp and the entire preseason, then struggled early in the regular season before winning his third MVP award.

With Manning, the Colts have been a perennial Super Bowl contender.

Without him, well, the dream of becoming the first team to play an NFL title game in its home stadium would certainly take a hit. Indianapolis will host the upcoming Super Bowl.

Backup quarterback Curtis Painter has started both preseason games and has completed 8 of 16 passes for 95 yards with no touchdowns and one interception. In Friday night’s 16-3 loss to Washington, Painter managed only one first down and couldn’t get the offense past its 29-yard line despite playing the entire first half.

Jason Bohn (67), Retief Goosen (68) and Ernie Els (69) were another stroke back.

Play was halted for 1 hour, 4 minutes late in the day due to threats of rain and lightning.

After things resumed, Simpson made his move.

He started the day three strokes behind Gainey and had two early bogeys before leapfrogging his playing partner with a barrage of low scores.

Simpson birdied No. 13 and sank a 32-foot birdie putt on No. 14. He stuck his second shot on the par-5 15th within 5 feet of the flagstick and converted that putt for his third eagle of the week. He had consecutive birdies on Nos. 16 and 17, then nearly closed his round with another—but left his 18-foot putt 2 inches short.

“Probably one of my top birdie-eagle streaks that I’ve had, and it came at a better time than any other streak I’ve had, just because we’re not getting anything going all day and everybody else is taking it low,” Simpson said. “To finish the round that way was great. I’d much rather finish the round

that way than start that way. If at all possible, we’ll start that way (Sunday).”

Gainey, a South Carolina native nicknamed “Tommy Two Gloves,” built his lead two-round lead after having just one bogey on Thursday and Friday, but he doubled that total on his first two holes Saturday, and that opened things up for the rest of the field.

“I guess one word sums it up—frustrating,” Gainey said. “That’s the only positive thing that I can take from it right now, is I still have a chance to win the golf tournament. That’s all you can ask for, teeing it up Round 1 to Round 4.”

Pettersson was the first to take advantage. He began the day seven strokes back, but had an eagle on the par-5 No. 5 to go with five birdies, including one on the par-3 16th that put him in front at 12 under.

Now he’ll enter the final round in contention for a second victory on his adopted hometown course.

The native Swede grew up locally, played college golf at North Carolina State, serves on

this tournament’s board of directors and won it in 2008. He’s making the daily 112-kilometer (70-mile) commute from his home in Raleigh.

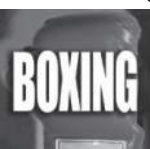
“The golf course is finally tougher than in years past,” Pettersson said. “It’s nice to put myself back in the tournament, and I don’t know what’s going to happen. Today I’ve done my bit and I probably (have) got to go a low (score) tomorrow again.”

Mallinger, who began the day five shots back, followed a bogey with three straight birdies on Nos. 15-17 to vault into the lead at 13 under. His tee shot on No. 18 sailed into the woods and he caught a fortunate bounce when it kicked back into play, but his 27-foot par putt trickled past the hole and he tapped in for bogey.

The 31-year-old, chasing his first PGA Tour victory, is playing just his 14th tournament this season. He made it to the weekend for just the sixth time this year. He tied for third here last year.

“The greens (at Sedgefield) are the same greens I practice on at home,” Mallinger said. “So that’s a big thing for me, just being comfortable on every tee box.”

Mayweather, others sued in Vegas shooting incident



LAS VEGAS (AP)—Superstar boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. is facing a civil lawsuit from a pair of men who say he orchestrated a shooting attack on them two years ago outside a Las Vegas skating rink.

The lawsuit obtained by The Associated Press accuses Mayweather, Ocie Harris and others

of making threats since the attack.

Leonard Ellerbe, CEO of Mayweather Promotions, said the undefeated boxer had nothing to do with the shooting or any of the alleged acts.

“As in most civil cases this is just another attempt to extort money,” Ellerbe said.

“An educated observer would examine the background of these individuals and immediately question their credibility,” he said.

A lawyer for Harris, who is accused of firing shots in the incident, was not immediately available for comment. Harris has pleaded not guilty to criminal charges in the shooting. His trial is scheduled for February.

Mayweather attorney Mark Ferrario said Mayweather looks forward to resolving the dispute in court but declined further comment.

Lawyers for Quincey Wil-

liams and Damien Bland said in the lawsuit filed Tuesday that they want Mayweather and his associates to stop contacting their clients, plus an unspecified amount of money for damages.

Robert Adams and Robert Eglet, the lawyers who filed the suit, were not available Wednesday because they were preparing for an unrelated trial, their office said.

Mayweather is undefeated in 41 fights and has won titles

in five divisions. He currently is training for a Sept. 17 fight against Victor Ortiz.

ed with Williams on the night of the shooting inside the Crystal Palace Skating Center. Police say the Aug. 23, 2009, incident started over a text message Williams sent Mayweather saying he hoped the boxer would lose his upcoming fight.

At the time, Mayweather was preparing to face Juan Manuel Marquez. Mayweather won that bout by unanimous decision.

Authorities have never accused Mayweather of firing shots and he has never been criminally charged in the case. Witnesses told police they saw Harris fire at least five shots at a BMW sedan with the two men inside after having earlier spoken with Mayweather. Neither man in the vehicle was wounded.

Mayweather later denied

knowing Harris or having any knowledge of a shooting. But police said they linked the boxer and Harris through witnesses, surveillance videotapes and records seized when authorities served search warrants at Mayweather’s home.

The lawsuit, which was first reported by the Las Vegas Review-Journal, said the men now live in “immediate and mortal fear” of being hurt by Mayweather and the other people they say are responsible for the shooting.

Williams told the Review-Journal last year that he used to work for Mayweather years ago, but quit because of pay.

“He (Mayweather) feels like he’s entitled to do whatever he wants and get away with it,” Williams told the newspaper.

Mayweather has a history of court dealings.

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consolation match over the Cook Island’s Jake Bergman, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

In the senior girls, Mikayla Lopez made it all the way to the semifinals and eventually finished fourth in the 10-player

group. She earned a 2-2 card in the pool play and faced Papua New Guinea’s Lorish Puluspene in the semis. Lopez lost, 0-6, 4-6, and was forced to play in the consolation game. She also dropped the battle for third place against American Samoa’s Leilani Duchnak, 4-6, 4-6.

Theecelel Minor also played in

the senior girls and was ranked seventh, losing her final game against Palau’s Abigail Gbewonyo, 3-6, 1-6.

Jake Lee entered the seniors boys and finished sixth out of the 12 players in the singles event. He had a 3-2 record in Pool A for a tie for second place with two others. However, he lost in the tiebreak, missing a

chance to advance to the semifinals. Instead, he fought in the consolation draw and defeated the Federated States of Micronesia’s T.J. Rush, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, to save fifth place.

The Oceania Plate was completed last Friday and the CNMI junior tennis players and coach Jeff Race returned to Saipan yesterday.

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to find the bottom of the net in the opening eight minutes.

Proa slowly picked up its scoring in the second after making a couple of long balls, but the Sonics also hit their target to amass a 33-14 margin at the half.

Jaymark De Guzman led the Sonics in the first half with his 11 points, while Paul Samson had eight for Proa.

Proa’s offense went cold again after the break, as it drilled only four points.

The Sonics’ Nevim Salem outscored the entire Proa crew with his six points in the third, which ended with last year’s finalists way ahead, 56-19.

The Sonics were merciless in the final canto, firing 24 markers against Proa’s six.

Melvin Cadiang and Salem top-scored for the Sonics with 14 points apiece, while Proa’s Samson finished with a team-high 11. Proa dropped to a 0-2 slate.

The season continues tonight at 5pm with Hi-5 (1-0) taking on the CK Blazers (0-1).

In related news, the Rotary organizers are holding a 6pm meeting tomorrow for all coaches, managers, and team representatives to finalize preparations for the U15 division opener.

First Game

Ol’Aces 44 – Maratita 16, Hossain 12, De Leon 6, Ichihara 4, Iguel 2, Mizer 2, Taylor 2.

Rollers 1 32 – Darag 6, L. DL Guerrero 5, Francisco 5,

Diaz 4, J. Norita 4, Cenir 2, Nakayama 2, Suarez 2, Taitano 2.

Scoring by quarters: 6-4, 16-9, 24-22, 44-32.

Second Game

Sonics 80 – Salem 14, Cadiang 14, De Guzman 11, Sula 8, Jo. Villanueva 7, Aranda 7, Alegre 5, Del Rosario 4, A. Palacios 4, Je. Villanueva 4.

NMC Proa 25 – Samson 11, J. Habijan 4, Lapuz 3, Madreo 3, Aguilar 2, J. Palacios 1.

Scoring by quarters: 11-2, 33-14, 56-19, 80-25.

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to a 2-0 record and take the solo lead in the five-team field. In the second game, AFP/Jets also cruised to an easy victory, clobbering Samahang Laguna, 91-56.

After almost losing its 15-point halftime lead, 40-25, as Filcag/Rollers moved within four in the third, 50-54, MDX went all out in the fourth with a 32-16 scoring for the 14-point victory.

MDX managed a slim 18-15 edge in the opening quarter behind the seven points of Christian Devero. Then MDX’s defense stuffed the Rollers to just 10 points in the second quarter, to pull away at the break, 40-25

Rollers made some key halftime adjustments and battled

back, 50-54, heading into crunch time. Josh Kiyoshi led the recovery, hitting 10 of his 18 points in the third.

The Rollers tried moving closer in the fourth, but Matt Duenas was there to save MDX, as he delivered 11 points in the clutch and drew enough support from his teammates.

Duenas finished with a game-high 29, while Rollers’ Brandon Aulerio led Rollers on the short end with 20.

In the second game, the Jets shot ahead, 25-8, and never looked back. Melvin Cadiang anchored the Jets’ strong start, scoring nine points.

Laguna’s offense started to show up in the second quarter, but the Jets still soared over their opponent at halftime, 50-27. Jets’ Sajh Hossain caught fire in the second quarter with

his 17 markers.

The game was out of reach by the start of the second half, as the Jets stretched the lead to 25, 66-41, heading into the final canto. Eugene Manglona had cruise control for the Jets, as he tallied seven points in the third quarter. He added seven more in the final canto, as the Jets ran away with their first win after dropping their debut against Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense, 73-80.

Samahang Laguna fell to a 0-2 card, as it also lost its first game over MDX, 51-59.

Hossain led the Jets with 29 points in the game, outscoring the Laguna duo of Frank and Gary Macahito, who tallied 11 points apiece.

First Game

MDX/Armotech 80 – Due-

nas 29, Metran 9, Vertudez 9, Francisco 8, Castro 8, Devero 7, Rollon 4, Rabauliman 4, Maranan 3, FERIA 2, Salas 1.

Filcag/Rollers 66 – Aulerio 20, Kiyoshi 18, Galarse 9, Hambros 7, Torres 4, Brennan 4, Namelo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-16, 40-25, 54-50, 86-66.

Second Game

AFP/Jets 91 – Hossain 29, E. Manglona 19, Cadiang 13, De Leon 8, Webb 7, Sambile 4, DL Guerrero 4, Pena 2, Aguilar 2, Benavente 1.

Samahang Laguna 56 – F. Macahito 11, G. Macahito 11, Lapuz 8, J. Habijan 7, Aldan 4, Gagarin 4, Manalili 4, G. Habijan 2, Madreo 2, Damatan 1.

Scoring by Quarters: 25-8, 50-27, 66-41, 91-56

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and U15 age groups.

Koo and Tang also had sessions with local coaches and conducted workouts, too, with the members of the CNMI Women’s National Team.

Then from Monday to Wednesday, the two officials were at the TSL Sports Complex for the inaugural 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League and Tang even played for Go Green in the men’s division. Tang will be leaving Go Green with a 3-2-

2 win-loss-draw slate. He helped Go Green win its previous game last Wednesday against Mellow Yellow, 6-2.

“We are happy to help improve football in the CNMI. We are hopeful that Chelsea FC Soccer School-Hong Kong and Saipan Soccer School’s partnership will continue for years,” Koo said.

“We have plans of bringing in new coaches because you really need some to teach local coaches, who will then reach out to players, especially the young ones,” he added.

Koo sad he loves to see more people coming out to play the

sport and he hopes when he returns to Saipan, he will see more new faces,” Koo said.

“One way on improving football in the CNMI is to encourage a lot of people to play the sport. I am happy to see people coming at the TSL Sports Complex at night during the futsal league. If you will continue to hold tournaments and attract more players, you will have a lot of people to train and these players will eventually become coaches and national players if given proper training,” the technical official said.

Koo also wishes that players from the CNMI will get a

chance to visit their training facility in Hong Kong and work with their players and coaches.

For his part, Angeles said the Chelsea coaches presence here has a big impact on the CNMI soccer community.

“It was the first time that football coaches like them stayed here for more than a month. They taught us a lot and the knowledge they shared to us will be very helpful, as we open next month’s youth league and welcome new players. We can’t wait to meet the new coaches Chelsea will send to Saipan,” Angeles said.

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MLB STANDINGS		
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
East Division		
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New York	76	48 .613 —
Boston	76	49 .608 1/2
Tampa Bay	68	56 .548 8
Toronto	64	62 .508 13
Baltimore	47	76 .382 28 1/2
Central Division		
Detroit	67	58 .536 —
Cleveland	62	60 .508 3 1/2
Chicago	62	63 .496 5
Minnesota	55	70 .440 12
Kansas City	52	75 .409 16
West Division		
Texas	73	54 .575 —
Los Angeles	68	59 .535 5
Oakland	57	69 .452 15 1/2
Seattle	53	71 .427 18 1/2
NATIONAL LEAGUE		
East Division		
Philadelphia	81	43 .653 —
Atlanta	75	52 .591 7 1/2
Washington	60	64 .484 21
New York	60	65 .480 21 1/2
Florida	57	69 .452 25
Central Division		
Milwaukee	75	52 .591 —
St. Louis	66	60 .524 8 1/2
Cincinnati	61	65 .484 13 1/2
Pittsburgh	59	65 .476 14 1/2
Chicago	56	70 .444 18 1/2
Houston	42	84 .333 32 1/2
West Division		
Arizona	69	57 .548 —
San Francisco	67	60 .528 2 1/2
Colorado	59	68 .465 10 1/2
Los Angeles	57	68 .456 11 1/2
San Diego	58	70 .453 12
Yesterday's Games		
Detroit 10, Cleveland 1		
Kansas City 9, Boston 4		
Minnesota 9, N.Y. Yankees 4		
Tampa Bay 8, Seattle 0		
Chicago White Sox 3, Texas 2		
L.A. Angels 9, Baltimore 8, 12 innings		
Oakland 5, Toronto 1		
Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 3		
Colorado 7, L.A. Dodgers 6, 13 innings		
Milwaukee 11, N.Y. Mets 9		
Chicago Cubs 3, St. Louis 0		
Philadelphia 5, Washington 0		
Houston 7, San Francisco 5		
Atlanta 8, Arizona 1		
San Diego 14, Florida 1		
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UFO STANDINGS		
OPEN		
Namfrel/Proa	2	0
Bayani/Mobil	3	1
Visminda/Satbahi	3	1
UPAA/Hoopaholics	3	1
Cabalen/Noni	2	1
Ali'i Konflikt	2	2
NMBA/Mixed Blood	1	2
MDX/Blue Haus	0	4
Cavite/Andok's	0	4
MASTERS		
Cabalen/Wings Travel	2	0
MDX/Armotech	1	0
MAFEA/RNV	0	1
VisMinda/Plahi	0	1
SAFSWO/Ebisuya	0	1
YOUTH		
MDX/Armotech	2	0
SIP/AON	1	0
AFP/Jets	1	1
Filcag/Rollers	0	1
Samahang Laguna	0	2

Weekend Sports

CNMI swimming records fell last week when Rezne Wong competed in the 2011 Summer Universiade in Shenzhen, China.

Wong set new records in the 50m butterfly and 50m and 100m breaststroke events. He timed in at 26.66 seconds in the 50m butterfly, surpassing the 27.87 seconds Kai Staal logged on April 16, 2011. In the 50m breaststroke, Wong submitted 31.31 seconds, breaking the previous CNMI mark he recorded on July 28, 2009, during the 13th FINA World Championships in Rome, Italy. Then in the

CNMI swimming records fall

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100m breaststroke, he clocked in at 1:07.66 seconds, shattering the 1:08.79 he logged July 26, 2009, also during the World Championships in Italy.

Wong and Mancao represented the CNMI to the Shenzhen competition with the latter failing to complete his 156.8-kilometer road race due to an early crash.

Other notable events last week were Butch Journey to

XTERRA World Championship Fundraiser II, the CNMI junior tennis players' stint in the 2011 Oceania Plate and the Oceania Closed in Fiji, and the opening of the 2011 SMLBA-Youth Summer/Winter Baseball League and the UFO Masters and Youth Docomo Pacific Cup.

Ninety-four individuals joined the Butch Fundraiser II which featured bike and run

races at Paupau Beach.

In Lautoka, Fiji, Mikayla Lopez, Theecel Minor, Jake Lee, Moris Villanueva, Tammy Ackerman, and Negahr Rastguiry joined the Oceania Plate, while Thea Minor, Christian Miller, and Rafael Jones entered the Oceania Closed.

At the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, the U18 baseball league opened with the

Ol'Aces and Fielders 1 and 2 winning their respective games.

At the Civic Center Basketball Court, MDX routed Samahang Laguna in the youth division of the UFO caging, while Cabalen downed VisMinda in the masters category at the TSL Sports Complex.

Still in basketball, the UFO caging continued with its open division matches with MAFEA-

Ali'i Konflikt recording the biggest win of the week after beating the then undefeated Bayani/Mobil, 79-76.

At the Garapan Basketball Court, the Division of Youth Services held a FIBA 3-on-3 competition with Shorties, F-Rollers, and TUGZ ruling their respective division.

At the Gualo Rai Basketball Court, the Blue Haus caging completed its regular season games and will start the playoff round this week.

Back at the TSL Sports Complex, the Saipan Soccer School continued with its games in the men's and women's futsal league.



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Participants in the Butch Journey to XTERRA World Championship Fundraiser II leaves Paupau Beach.



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MAFEA/Ali'i Konflikt's Jawn Joyner, left, goes up for shot against Bayani/Mobil's Larry Sharry during their game in the open division of the UFO caging last week at the TSL Sports Complex.



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Sherwin Williams' Ferdie Tobias goes for a windmill layup during their game against Joeten Superstore in the Blue Haus caging at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court last week.



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Go Green and Mellow Yellow players in action during the second half of their game in the men's futsal league last week at the TSL Sports Complex.



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MDX/Armatech's Bernard Montano, center, pulls up for a jumper against MAFEA/RNV's Ferdie de la Torre, left, and Ed Cosino during their game in the masters division of the UFO caging at the TSL Sports Complex last week.



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Rezne Wong, seen here in a local race in 2009, broke three CNMI records when he competed in the 2011 Summer Universiade in Shenzhen, China.



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CNMI coach Jeff Race and the Commonwealth's junior tennis players pose for a group photo at the departure area of the Saipan/Francisco C. Ada International Airport before leaving for Lautoka, Fiji, early this month.



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Dela Cruz, Ackerman make finals



Carl Dela Cruz, seen here getting ready to serve in a local tournament, advanced to the finals of the 2011 Oceania Plate in Lautoka, Fiji.

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Carl Dela Cruz and Tammy Ackerman clinched finals berths in the 2011 Oceania Plate played in Lautoka, Fiji.

Dela Cruz entered the singles championship game in the junior boys division, while Ackerman booked a finals slot in the junior girls category. Unfortunately, the two CNMI players dropped their respective title games and settled for runner-up finishes.

Ackerman, who gunned for her second singles crown after ruling the U12 singles division of the 2011 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships, was pitted against Fiji's Mulan Kamoe in the finals and lost in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2.

Before the finals defeat, Ackerman survived teammate Negahr Rastguir in the quarterfinals, 6-0, 5-7, 7-5. She then had another three-set win over Vinda Teally of Samoa in the semis, 6-0, 5-7, 7-5, to march into the finals.

Kamoe came from an easier quarterfinal win, as she swept

Palau's Ayana Rengiil 6-3, 6-4. The Fiji netter than foiled an all-CNMI title showdown when she defeated Melody Johnson in the other semis tiff, 7-6, 1-6, 6-1.

Johnson settled for fourth place in the 15-player field, while Rastguir finished fifth.

In the junior boys division, Dela Cruz completed the elimination round with a 3-0 record and extended his streak to four after prevailing over teammate Moris Villanueva in the quarterfinals, 6-4, 6-2.

Dela Cruz's next foe was Fiji's Devrath Narayan and again the CNMI bet won, 6-3, 7-6 (2), to barge into the finals against Tahiti's Michael Emery. Dela Cruz dropped the opening set by three, 3-6, but then gave Emery a tougher fight in the second set before bowing, 6-7 (4).

Villanueva joined Dela Cruz in the Top 5 of the 16-player field, as the former won his



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MDX, AFP/Jets notch wins

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MDX/Armotech and the AFP/Jets emerged victorious in their separate games in the UFO

Inter-Organization Youth Basketball Visio-Docomo Pacific Cup 2011 last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

MDX/Armotech played in the first game and routed Filcag/Rollers, 80-66, to improve

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AFP/Jets June Pena drives against Samahang Laguna's Mark Madreo during their game in the UFO Docomo Pacific Cup last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Ol'Aces gain second victory

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The Ol'Aces took the early lead in the U19 division of the 20th Annual Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball after downing Rollers 1, 44-32, last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.

The Ol'Aces now have a 2-0 record in the youth league, while Rollers 1 dropped its debut.

Both teams started slow, as the Aces led by on a bucket, 6-4, after eight minutes of play. Then the Ol'Aces' offense warmed up in the second quarter, as they padded the lead to seven at halftime, 16-9. Juan Maratita led his team with six points in the first half.

The Rollers 1 worked its way back into the game at the start of the second half, moving within two after the third period, 22-24. Six players scored for Rollers 1 to threaten the defending champions.



The Ol'Aces' Chris Mizer draws the defense of Rollers 1 players during their game in the Rotary caging last Friday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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However, Maratita and Sahj Hossain stepped up for the Ol'Aces in the clutch, combining for 14 points to foil Rollers 1's upset bid.

Maratita finished with 16 markers, while John Darag top-scored for Rollers 1 with six.

Sonics 80, NMC Proa 25

In the second game, the Sonics recovered from their opening day loss to the Ol'Aces with a 80-25 victory over NMC Proa.

The Sonics jumped to an early 11-2 lead, as Proa struggled

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Chelsea coaches complete mission

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The two officials from Chelsea FC Soccer School-Hong Kong completed their six-week stay on Saipan and are

positive that their partnership with Saipan Soccer School will continue.

Chelsea FC Soccer School technical director Luam Khen Koo and coach Jimmy Tang will return to Hong Kong this morning after helping Saipan Soccer School conduct a free

summer camp for about two months. The two visiting officials worked with Saipan Soccer School camp directors Jershin Angeles Ruselle Zapanta in teaching the basics of the sport and honing the skills of youth players in the U8, U10, U12, and U14 divisions.

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Chelsea FC Soccer School technical director Luam Khen Koo, standing fourth from left, and coach Jimmy Tang, standing fifth from left, join NMIFA president Jerry Tan, standing sixth from left, and other football players for a group photo before their scrimmage at the TSL Sports Complex yesterday.